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ICHANG ANTI-BRITISH BOYCOTT TERMINATED.

PEASANT ARMY FORMED.

A naval message from Amoy relates how the Asiatic Petroleum Company successfully contested the right of the Tax Bureau to impose an illegal tax on a shipment of wax. On the Company refusing to pay the tax, the Water Police seized one of the lighters, but after consultation with the British Consul a party was organised to release the lighter, which, with the cargo of wax was secured without opposition.

Hankow news shows that General Chen Chien and General Li Chung-yen have so far reached no agreement, and it is reported that both have left to attend the Nationalist Conference at Shanghai.

The Commissioner for Foreign Affairs at Ichang has expressed regret for Monday's incident, and the lightermen have, on orders, called off the anti-British boycott.

Other messages show that peasants in the Wansien districts have organised an armed force named "The Invulnerable Army," to resist militarist demands; whilst in Kiukiang anti-Nanking posters have made their appearance.

PEKING IMPOSING NEW TAXES.

Amoy, Dec. 1.

Whether further incidents are likely to arise as the result of an attempt by the Tax Bureau at Amoy to impose an illegal tax on wax, it is hard to say, but the first conflict occurred yesterday, ending in favour of the Asiatic Petroleum Company.

Following announcements that the tax would be imposed, the Tax Bureau endeavoured to collect from the A.P.C. in connexion with a cargo lying at the A.P.C. installation preparatory to re-shipment in British steamers to Shanghai.

On the natural refusal of the Company to pay, the Water Police visited the installation, seized one of the lighters loaded with wax and took it away under the direction of Tax Bureau officials.

The A.P.C. agent immediately visited the British Consul, and, after a consultation, it was decided to take action at once, a party being organised and sent to release the lighter. No opposition was experienced, the lighter was recovered, taken back to the A.P.C. installation, and the wax unloaded under the protection of A.P.C. officials.

Up to the present nothing has been heard from the Tax Bureau in regard to the sequel to the incident.—*Naval Wireless.*

ICHANG INCIDENT.

Expression of Regret.

Ichang, Dec. 1.—The Commissioner for Foreign Affairs has expressed regret for the incident occurring on Monday, when the Senior Naval Officer was obliged to intervene to prevent a Chinese General and his body-guard from forcing their way on to a British steamer, destined for Shashi.

The lightermen have been ordered to call off the boycott, which has now terminated.—*Naval Wireless.*

"INVULNERABLE ARMY."

Peasants' New Force.

Wansien, Dec. 1.—A new factor has arisen which may make a considerable difference to the situation in the districts around Wansien, the peasantry, who have suffered the military yoke for many months, having organised a force calling itself "The Invulnerable Army" to resist the excessive demands of the military.

They have procured arms and ammunition, and form in Szechuan an organisation likely to prove a troublesome to the military as the "Red Spears" of Hunan.—*Naval Wireless.*

PEKING'S NEW TAX.

An Unexpected Levy.

Peking, Dec. 1.—Some surprise has been occasioned by the imposition of the luxury tax as from to-day, in view of the recent statement by the Finance Ministry postponing the levying of the tax until January 1.

The tax, however, is apparently being levied for the present on real luxuries, such as curios, jewellery, and the finest silks, and only on fresh imports and not on sales of existing stocks of merchants, as originally intended.—*Reuter.*

KIUKIANG AGITATION.

Opposition to Nanking.

Kiukiang, Dec. 1.—There exists in Kiukiang, though on the surface all is quiet, an undercurrent of agitation against the Nanking Government, believed to have been inspired, though this is not certain, by General Li Chung-yen's supporters. A number of anti-Nanking posters have made their appearance in the streets, and propaganda in other forms has also been organised.

Several transports passed through to-day on their way up river, the troops numbering at least 4,000.—*Naval Wireless.*

HANKOW GENERALS.

No Agreement Yet.

Hankow, Dec. 1.—While no agreement appears to have been reached between General Chen Chien and General Li Chung-yen, it appears that the military commanders have allowed the matter to drop for the time being, a report being in circulation to the effect that both have left Hankow for Shanghai to attend a conference.—*Naval Wireless.*

[The conference is presumably that which is now sitting with General Li Chai-sun and Mr. Wang Ching-wel as participants.]

SALT FOR HANKOW.

Incident Settled.

Wuhu, Dec. 1.—The local authorities have been endeavouring for several days to prevent the passage of a cargo of salt to Hankow, but the incident arising from their attempted interference appears to have been satisfactorily settled, and the vessel has now been allowed to depart.—*Naval Wireless.*

BRITISH CASUALTIES.

Accidents in Defence Force.

London, Dec. 1.—The casualties in the British expeditionary force in China were (Continued on Page 12.)

DISARMAMENT.

THE BRITISH POLICY RE-STATE.

NAVAL CONTROVERSY.

Geneva, Dec. 1.—British policy at the preliminary disarmament meeting was to assist in every way possible the cause of disarmament, arbitration and security. The only question was how best to promote these.

He strongly urged the adoption of practical measures. He was most anxious to arrive at some big result.

He expressed alarm at the use of the word protocol, which he would have scrupulously avoided. He did not object to examining the objections to the protocol, but doubted whether it would be useful.

The sitting was entirely occupied with questions of procedure, and adjourned until December 2.—*Reuter.*

Washington, Dec. 1.—The United States Government has decided to decline the invitation to send an observer to the meeting of the security committee at Geneva.—*Reuter's American Service.*

No Change of Attitude.

London, Dec. 1.—Lord Cusendun, speaking at today's meeting of the new committee on arbitration and security at Geneva, referred to the fact that he succeeded Viscount Cecil as the British representative to the League of Nations. He said this change in no way implied a change of British policy, which continued to be that Britain would do her best to promote the causes of disarmament, arbitration and security.

There was one word which he would have avoided had he been in the place of some of the earlier speakers. That was the word protocol. He made it clear that Great Britain could not again revert to a discussion of the ideas embodied in the protocol.

Regarding arbitration Lord Cusendun pointed out that Great Britain had practised arbitration for the last fifty years—long before the organisation of the League—in the settlement of international disputes. He proposed that members of the committee, or a properly appointed sub-committee, should bring before the committee definite and practicable proposals for arbitration, rather than vague resolutions. Great Britain, he assured the committee, was as anxious as any country to arrive at real results.—*British Wireless.*

Britain and Soviet Plan.

London, Dec. 1.—In the House of Commons, the Premier was asked about the proposals made by the Russian representatives at Geneva for universal disarmament. He replied that until he had been officially advised of the proposals he preferred to make no comment.—*British Wireless.*

The Naval Question.

London, Dec. 1.—Mr. W. C. Bridgeman, the First Lord of the Admiralty, speaking in London, said he resented the tone of people who said we were equally to blame with other parties for the failure of the Geneva Naval Disarmament Conference.

America, he declared, never would say what size they were going to build within their 400,000 tons. That was why it was impossible to agree.

Mr. Bridgeman added that he did not think it possible for Britain to have given way on the strongest principle which she had held—that future cruisers should be defensive, and not offensive weapons. He gave the following figures of the fighting fleet:

In 1914, warships 704, with a tonnage of 2,595,000.

In 1924, warships 1,327, with a tonnage of 3,294,000.

In 1927, warships 956, with a tonnage of 1,440,000.

None can say this country has not made an effort towards the reduction of armaments, he remarked.—*British Wireless.*

THE CABLE AND RADIO POSITION.

GOVERNMENT DISCUSSION WITH COMPANIES.

London, Dec. 1.—Reuter is authorised by the Eastern and Associated Telegraph Companies to state that the position regarding the radio and cable systems is under consideration between the Government and the companies.—*Reuter.*

LABOUR UNREST AT SHANGHAI.

STRIKE PICKETS FIRE ON TRAMCAR.

BRITISH LADY WOUNDED.

Shanghai, Dec. 2.—There has been a partial resumption of the tramway service, following an all-day paralysis of the service arising from a fatal encounter between the police and Labour gunmen, the latter attacking a tramcar.

Two of the gunmen were killed, and three passengers and a Chinese policeman were wounded. The passengers who received injuries included Mrs. J. Duncan, the wife of a tramway traffic inspector.

The whole affair is attributable to intimidators, and there is no question of a wages dispute.

An Earlier Report.

Shanghai, Dec. 1.—The recent increased violence of the communist propaganda which is being carried on among the labouring classes has resulted

BIG SHANGHAI BLAZE.

3,000,000 Taels Damage Suffered.

Shanghai, Dec. 2.

Shanghai's skyline was lighted up for miles around as the result of a spectacular conflagration gutting the Chang Foong Flour Mills.

It was the biggest blaze for many years, and the damage is estimated at three million taels.

The outbreak is believed to have been instigated by Communist incendiaries.

As a consequence of the fire, 1,200 employees have been rendered workless.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

In the serious growth of unrest, of crimes, and of acts of violence.

Sporadic strikes, particularly at the cotton mills and at the British-American Tobacco Company's works, have resulted in tens of thousands of people being thrown out of employment, while an ominous feature has been the walking out of the employees of several cotton mills and works, where the police have arrested paid agitators.

On the 28th ult., 600 tramway strikers struck and have since been endeavouring to call out the tramway drivers and conductors, but hitherto unsuccessfully.

At eleven o'clock this morning six pickets fired on a tramcar on Kungping Road, in the Eastern District, shattering the windows and wounding an English lady, two Chinese civilians, and a Chinese constable.

The police in the vicinity fired on the intimidators, killing two, who have been identified as striking agitators, and arresting the remainder. The tramcars drifted toward the depot and tram traffic is now suspended, the drivers and conductors fearing further violence.—*Reuter.*

Employees on Strike.

Shanghai, Dec. 1.—Armed pickets who opened fire on a tramcar, wounding an English lady and two Chinese, in efforts to intimidate the drivers and conductors who had refused to join a strikers' strike, were fired upon by the Municipal Police, two of the pickets being shot.

The incident has given rise to considerable alarm and the remainder of the tramway personnel have now joined the strikers.—*Naval Wireless.*

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MAYOR "SCALPED!"

RED INDIANS PUT A POSER.

CHICAGO'S "PROPAGANDA."

Chicago, Dec. 1.—The Mayor, "Big Bill" Thompson, was on the defensive to-day when a delegation of American Indians presented to him a protest against "Paleface Propaganda" against the Indians, contained in text books passed by him.

The delegates pointed out that much was made of frontier battle in which the whites sustained heavy losses, while the battles in which many Indians, including women and children, were massacred, were toned down or ignored.

They also declared that scalping was not originally an Indian practice, but was learned from early settlers, who demanded proof of the enemies killed.

They added that the parsimonious Pilgrim Fathers paid bounties for scalps only if both ears were attached.—*Reuter's American Service.*

U.S. HAS GOOD TRADE PERIOD.

STEADY INCREASE IN PRODUCTION.

Washington, Dec. 1.—Mr. Hoover, the Secretary for Commerce, in his annual report says that the fiscal year, ended on July 1, exceeded all records in volume of production, consumption, and the quantity of exports and imports.

There was very little unemployment, and wages were higher than anywhere in the world or at any time of the world's history.

Some Depression Too.

The coal and textile industries were not so satisfactory, while the relatively low price of cotton depressed the farmers in the south, and there was some depression of agriculture in the mid-west, but there had been improvement in both these sections since the fiscal year, when the manufacturing output was appreciably increased even above the extremely high level of the previous year.

Banking's Sound State.

The banking record was one of sound and uneventful growth of foreign underwriting by Americans, and exceeded any corresponding period in the history of the United States.

The excess of exports over imports (the so-called favourable trade balance) was \$716,000,000, a very much greater figure than the previous year.—*Reuter's American Service.*

BRITISH RELATIONS WITH PERSIA.

SEVERAL OUTSTANDING QUESTIONS.

London, Dec. 1.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Sakalavala, the Communist member for Battersea, asked what were the contents of the recent note to Persia from Britain, and the state of Anglo-Persian relations.

Mr. G. Locker Lampson replied that the relations were friendly, but several questions were outstanding. The note was a reply to an enquiry by the Persian Government regarding Britain's attitude towards certain proposed tariff changes. The note also dealt with other questions.—*Reuter.*

BELGIAN CABINET'S POLICY.

WOULD WELCOME SOCIALIST CO-OPERATION.

Brussels, Dec. 1.—The Chamber has passed a vote of confidence in the Government, by 95 to 68, after a speech by the Premier, M. Jaspars, concluding with a declaration that the Government would settle all big questions with the Socialists, if the latter liked, if not, then without them.—*Reuter.*

BANDITS ON THE WEST RIVER.

SUGGESTION OF GOVERNMENT CONNIVANCE.

VILLAGERS MURDERED.

Canton, Dec. 1.—While there is no direct evidence to support the suggestion, a report is current that the renewal of bandit operations along the West River on a large scale has the support and encouragement of the present Canton Government.

The troops formerly stationed at Pakkai have recently been withdrawn, and information has been received that the bandits intend to attack the city as a result. The local Chinese authorities at Pakkai are apprehensive. Considerable activity has been shown by the marauders in the Kuchau district to the east of Pakkai, and in the Kongmoon district. Many villages have been pillaged and burned, and many villagers brutally murdered.

The situation in the district is so serious that steamers plying to Kongmoon have been stopped at Plover Island and ordered to remain at anchor until daylight. This order has been enforced for two nights running. Any vessel is subject to fire, it is understood.

A large number of General Li Chai-sun's troops are reported to be in the neighbourhood of Kongmoon.—*Naval Wireless.*

BRITISH GUARANTEE OF LOANS.

LIABILITIES REGARDING AUSTRIA.

London, Dec. 1.

Mr. Churchill, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, was questioned in the House of Commons regarding the total liabilities of this country in guaranteeing loans raised by foreign countries under the auspices of the League of Nations. Mr. Churchill replied that the only loan in respect of which this country had given any guarantee was the Austrian Guarantee Loan of 1923, 24½ per cent, of which was guaranteed, as to principal and interest, by the British Government. The net liability of the British, both as to capital and interest, in respect of this loan, on March 31 last, was £3,128,601, and amounts in other currency equivalent to about £3,800,000 at the present rate of exchange.

While the British Government were liable under their guarantees, the Austrian Government had from the outset fully discharged the service of the loan, and had already paid off £2,500,000 by a sinking fund.—*British Wireless.*

WOMEN VOTERS IN THE MAJORITY.

WHAT BRITAIN'S "FLAPPER VOTE" MEANS.

London, Dec. 1.

In the House of Commons the Home Secretary was asked how many electors would be males and how many females, if the existing parliamentary franchise were extended to women of 21.

He said that on the basis of the most recent available figures, the total electorate for Great Britain was estimated as 12,250,000 men and 14,500,000 women.—*British Wireless.*

SUGAR INDUSTRY CONTROL.

INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT.

Berlin, Dec. 1.

At a meeting between Senor Tarafa and German, Polish and Czech sugar industrialists, the latter announced, after hearing Senor Tarafa's report on his negotiations with Amsterdam, that they had ratified the Paris decisions, to which it was intimated that the Hungarian industry was also favourably disposed.—*Reuter.*

YANGTSE PIRACY.

B. AND S. STEAMER CAPTURED.

BRITISH MASTER KIDNAPPED AND THREE KILLED.

NAVAL SEARCH BEGUN.

Attacked by a pirate horde while lying at anchor for the night in a small cove on the Yangtze about seventeen miles below Ichang, the China Navigation Company's steamer "Siang Tan" was captured and looted on Wednesday night.

The armed attackers approached the vessel from the shore in sampans, opened fire on the crew, killing two or three and wounding others. Little resistance could be offered, the pirates climbing on board and shooting at any one who did not readily submit, and quickly gained complete control of the steamer.

Capt. Maynard Held.

The pirates proceeded thoroughly to ransack the personal belongings of all on board, leaving within an hour or so, but taking with them Capt. W. G. Maynard, the master of the "Siang Tan," whom they presumably will hold to ransom.

The Chief Officer, Mr. E. W. Richards, was not kidnapped, and says that it is possible that he was one of the ship's company wounded in the attack, no definite news giving details of the casualties is yet available.

British naval forces are engaged in a thorough search of the creeks and inlets in the districts, in a vigorous endeavour to locate Capt. Maynard.

30 Armed Pirates.

An official version of the outrage, issued by the local naval authorities this morning, states that the s.s. "Siang Tan" owned by the China Navigation Company (Messrs. Butterfield and Swire), 1,195 tons gross and 729 tons net, flying the British flag, was pirated at about 10 p.m. on November 30th, by 30 armed pirates when anchored about 17 miles below Ichang.

The bandits came from the left bank in sampans and easily captured the vessel.

The Captain was kidnapped and taken for ransom, and it is believed that two or three of the ship's company were killed in the attack.

Navy Taking Action.

Endeavour is being made by all H.M. ships in the neighbourhood to locate Captain Maynard.

General Yang Sen has also promised to arrange for an attack to be carried out on the bandits, and it is believed that his forces will proceed almost immediately.

The "Siang Tan" was on her way to Ichang from the Middle Yangtze, and carried only two European officers, the master and chief officer. The chief engineer is of Chinese nationality.

EGYPTIAN TARIFF REVISION.

PROVIDED FOR BY CONVENTION.

London, Dec. 1.

The Foreign Secretary was asked in the House of Commons if he had received any communication from the Egyptian Government intimating its intention to set up a tariff of protective duties, and what measures had been taken to secure British interests.

Mr. G. Locker Lampson, the Foreign Under Secretary, replied that he had received no such communication. On the expiry of the Italo-Egyptian Commercial Convention, in 1930, the Egyptian Government would be free to revise their tariff policy. For this purpose, two tariff experts had recently been engaged, the services of one of whom were secured through the good offices of the British Government.—*British Wireless.*

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COUNCIL MEETING.

TWO NEW BILLS.

Two new bills were introduced at yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council, one amending the Magistrates Ordinance and the other providing for the formation, establishment and regulation of the Hongkong Police Reserve.

Printers' Ordinance.

The Attorney General moved that the first reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the Printers and Publishers Ordinance 1886, be adjourned until the next meeting of the Council.

The Colonial Secretary seconded and the Council agreed.

Magistrates Ordinance.

The Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the Magistrates Ordinance, 1890. He said: This Bill began with one or two proposals to alter the Magistrates Ordinance on certain technical points. As often happens, the Bill has grown by the addition of more and more proposals, and it now contains 25 clauses. Most of these proposals are technical matters dealing with questions of procedure, and they are all explained fully in the Objects and Reasons.

There are, however, three points dealt with in the Bill which are of a more general character and which, I think, I might appropriately refer to at this stage. One, is the question of the meaning of the term "drunkenness." Sections of the principal Ordinance deal with offences by persons while drunk. The interpretation of this term, as is well known, has given rise to a great deal of difficulty in the Courts here and still more so in England, and still is a matter of great difficulty and uncertainty.

Definition of Drunkenness.

The British Medical Association in October, 1925, appointed a Committee to report upon the interpretation of the word "drunk" and of the tests for drunkenness. That Committee was a very strong one. It included various members of the British Medical Association, two Stipendiary magistrates, five Police Surgeons and others, and in February, 1927, the Committee made a very full and careful report. In that report they suggested a certain definition of the term "drunkenness," and that definition has been adopted in the present Bill. It reads as follows: "A person shall be deemed to be drunk if he is so much under the influence of alcohol as to have lost control of his faculties to such an extent as to render him unable to execute safely the occupation on which he was engaged at the time in question." It is obvious, of course, a person may be intoxicated to a certain extent and yet be able to carry on his particular occupation with perfect safety to himself and others whilst in another case, such as the control of a motor car, a less degree of intoxication will make him a source of danger both to himself and the general public. The test adopted is whether the state of intoxication is such as to render him unable to execute safely the particular occupation on which he was engaged at the time in question. That is the first general point dealt with by this Bill.

Appeals.

The second deals with appeals from magistrates' decisions. At present various steps in an intended appeal have to be taken before or by the Magistrate, appealed from, and no provision is made for the death or absence or incapacity of the magistrate whose decision is being appealed from. It is obvious that great hardship might be caused to an intended appellant if he found his appeal completely blocked by one of these causes. Section 22 of the Bill, therefore, proposes to provide that if any appeal is rendered impossible by the death, absence or incapacity of the magistrate whose decision is appealed against, the Full Court shall have power to order the case to be heard *de novo*.

The third point is one of much less importance, but it is one which frequently occurs in the Police Courts. The Vagrancy Act of 1824 makes it an offence for a suspected person or reputed thief to frequent streets, docks and so on with intent to commit a felony. Very often it is difficult to prove frequenting, because to prove frequenting you must be able to show that the man has visited that street for that purpose at least more than once. On the other hand it may be quite obvious from his known character and his actions that he can only be there for an unlawful purpose. In England the law was altered a good many years ago and it was made an offence for suspected persons or reputed thieves to loiter with the view to committing a felony. That amendment, made in England in 1881, is now to be made here by a section of this Bill. I beg to move the first reading.

The Colonial Secretary seconded, and the Bill was read a first time.

Hongkong Police Reserve.

The Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to provide for the formation, establishment and regulation of the Hongkong Police Reserve. He said: To a large extent this Bill will repeat the provisions of the present Police Reserve Ordinance, but it does make three somewhat important changes in the law relating to the Reserve. In the first place it will dispense with the oath of allegiance and will substitute an undertaking to serve in the Reserve and to obey all the rules and regulations in force during the period of the individual's service.

In the second place all penalties for breaches of discipline, other, of course, than reprimand and dismissal, are abolished except when the Reserve is called out for active service. It is obvious when it is called out for active service, that these penalties must revive for the period of active service.

In the third place powers are given in the Bill to the Governor-in-Council to direct that members of the Reserve be paid when the Reserve is called out for service. The regulations proposed to be made under this Ordinance when it is passed have been published in the Gazette. I beg to move the first reading.

The Colonial Secretary seconded and the Bill was read a first time.

The Boy Scouts.

The Bill intituled An Ordinance to further and protect the activities of the Boy Scouts Association, and to incorporate the Hongkong branch thereof, passed all remaining stages and became law.

His Excellency's Thanks.

At the conclusion of the business of the Council, His Excellency said: Before we adjourn, gentlemen, I should like to express my indebtedness to the Official and Unofficial members alike, both of the Executive and Legislative Councils, for the very ready help and co-operation which they have given to me at all times while I have been administering the Government of this Colony in the absence of His Excellency the Governor. As it is probably the last time I shall have the pleasure of meeting you all together for some months, I would like also to take this opportunity of wishing you all and the Colony a very prosperous future.

The Council adjourned *sine die*.

Paris, Dec. 1.

M. Violette, ex-Governor of Algeria, on arrival at Marseilles declared that the losses in the floods in Algeria are estimated at 600,000,000 francs. There were two hundred and fifty European and probably 2,000 native victims. —Reuter.

Calcutta, Dec. 1.

Cholera has broken out in epidemic form all over Bengal except in Calcutta. There were 3703 cases reported last week of which 2139 were fatal. —Reuter.

THE MORPHIA CASE.

PROSECUTION'S CASE CLOSES.

When the case continued in the afternoon, Mr. Leask asked witness whether he knew a Mr. Kentwell and witness admitted that he did.

Mr. Leask: Was he in Hongkong about the time you met the first defendant in King Edward Hotel?—Yes.

At this meeting did you say to first defendant, "Kentwell is in Hongkong, you must meet him?"—I did not.

Did you mention Kentwell's name to him?—Yes. Kentwell defended your client in Shanghai.

Did the first defendant see him?—Not to my knowledge. He said he would look him up.

Did you try to arrange any meeting between first defendant and Kentwell?—Certainly not. I only saw Kentwell once; he was coming out of the Savoy Hotel. We had a drink together.

A Journal's Fate.

Have you tried to run any papers in Hongkong?—Yes, *The Ladies Weekly*.

What was the fate of that paper?—The fate was this, the so-called business manager, an Australian, helped himself to—I may say embezzled—sundry sums of money, and was convicted before Major Willson.

No breath of suspicion against you in connexion with it?—I certainly don't think so. I saw the Crown Solicitor on the whole matter, so the paper closed.

Who closed it down? Was it closed by the Authorities?—The Authorities? Certainly not. It started on very limited capital, relying on advertising. A man called Trevor embezzled certain sums of money and I could not carry on the printing bill.

To come to your evidence. You said most of the time during your conversations with Christie was taken up in talking about arms?—Yes. He offered me \$1,000 to pose as a man from Saigon to certain Chinese coming from Canton.

You will agree that at these meetings arms were chiefly discussed?—Seventy five per cent of the time was connected with arms. I think the question of arms was brought up by you, not by the first defendant?—I was definitely asked to act.

Revenge Suggested.

I put it to you that you wanted to act and that the first defendant refused to allow you to take part?—No.

I suggest that it was for that reason—your not being allowed to participate—that you reported to the police?—Absolutely no.

What reason had you for reporting to the police?—I did not wish to deal in arms or drugs. I did not wish to know Christie and cannot afford to do so. I realise now that I might lay myself open to somebody "waking sleeping dogs," but I did not realise it at that time.

What do you mean when you refer to "sleeping dogs"?—Court publicity.

Does it mean that you were afraid you might be implicated, having had conversation with the first defendant?—No.

Mr. Lindsell: It certainly meant that.

Witness: I had no desire to deal in drugs or in arms and I never wished to be on intimate terms with Christie; and in my present position I cannot afford to. My first inclination was to write him a chat.

Mr. Leask: Would it not have been enough to tell Mr. King and leave it there?—I thought it would end there.

At your first interview with the defendant at Victoria View on a Saturday, you say that three quarters of the time was occupied in talking about a deal in arms, and then mentioned a deal in heroin, in which the defendant asked you to get in "touch with buyers for him?

Witness: I would not say that he asked me to do it. He said "If you can, there will be a little commission for you."

Abused Confidence.

Mr. Leask: You know, and you have said, that the first defendant has been on the China Coast for twenty years. What reason has he to go to you to get introductions to Chinese buyers?

Witness: I can only assume that he thought I was safe. My assumption is that, knowing I was involved with his colleague in London, he thought I was safe. He apparently gave me very full confidence.

Mr. Leask: Which you abused. Witness: Rightly or wrongly abused.

Mr. Leask: You mentioned also that you were told by Christie that a consignment was taken to Shanghai by a man named George. I put it to you that George was never mentioned in Hongkong.

"George."

Witness: At the hotel I was told to get a telegram addressed to "George" from the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company. I told Christie I was known at the Telegraph Company. This conversation was telephoned to the police.

Mr. Leask: You recollect the first defendant and a man called George negotiating for a ship, the Talbot, in Shanghai?—No.

Mr. Leask: Have you never heard of the Talbot?—Yes, I have.

Mr. Lindsell: Did you ever meet the man George?—No.

Mr. Leask to witness: I suggest the only time that George was ever mentioned to you was in connexion with the Talbot in Shanghai?

Witness: It was certainly never mentioned in Shanghai.

Mr. Leask: Although you were reporting the case?—Yes, I have my copies of the *Shanghai Mercury*. It's about an arms seizure.

Mr. Leask: When you introduced the first witness, Au Yeung, to the first defendant, what did you introduce him as?—First of all as "my man" and then as a brother of a former pupil of mine.

An Oil Deal.

Mr. Leask: And also as a wealthy merchant from the Straits interested in oil?

Witness: "Oil? Never! Oil was never mentioned at any time. Was there no suggestion that this wealthy Chinese was going to open up agencies in South China?"

Witness: Certainly not. There was no suggestion of any deal of any nature in oil.

Mr. Leask: Have you ever heard of "Long Life" oil?—No.

You say that on November 8, you saw the first and second defendant in St. George's Hotel?—When they arrived I was with Sergeant Baker.

Why did you not mention that Sergeant Baker was present, when you were giving evidence?—I was not asked.

It is not a question of being asked. You volunteered a great deal of evidence, but you did not offer that.

Mr. King: Perhaps that was my fault, I was leading him.

Haynes added that when Christie was introduced to Baker, he (Haynes) was nervous and shaking like a leaf.

A Friend from the Straits.

Mr. Leask: Did you introduce Sergeant Baker?—Yes, as a Mr. Jessman. He left shortly afterwards and Christie was very keen to know who he was and I replied that he was out of job and wanted to borrow \$10.

Mr. Leask: Did you not suggest that you were keeping and assisting him?—Certainly not.

Did you mention that he was a man, you had known years ago, down in the Straits?—Yes.

In fact, did you say he was one of those Straits "bums"?—No I said he was a hanger on and that he was one of poor Frank Lammert's pals. Frank Lammert was very well known for helping people.

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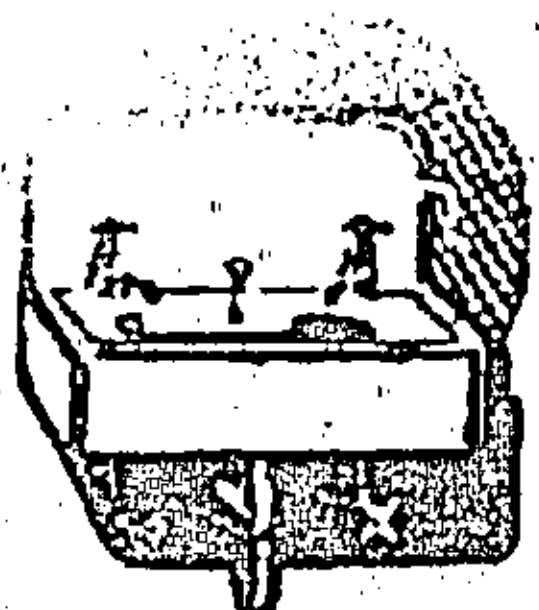
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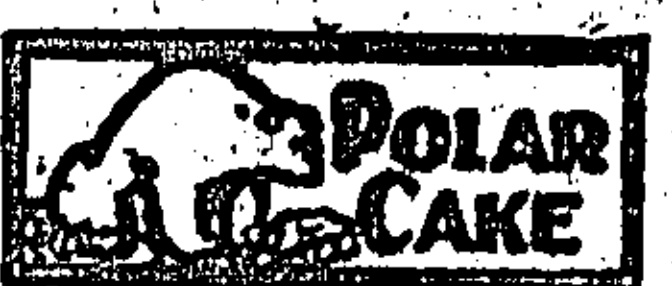
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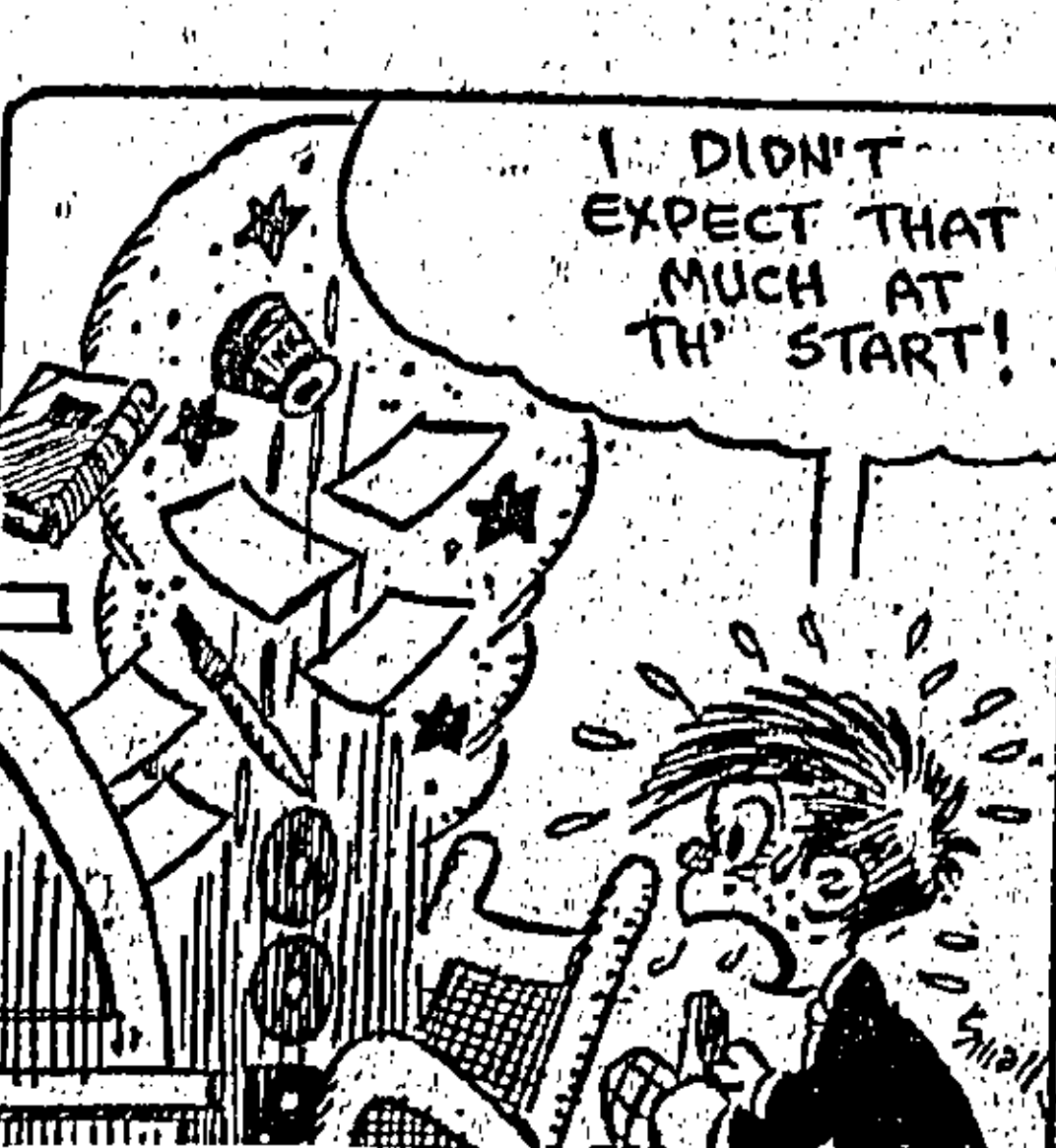
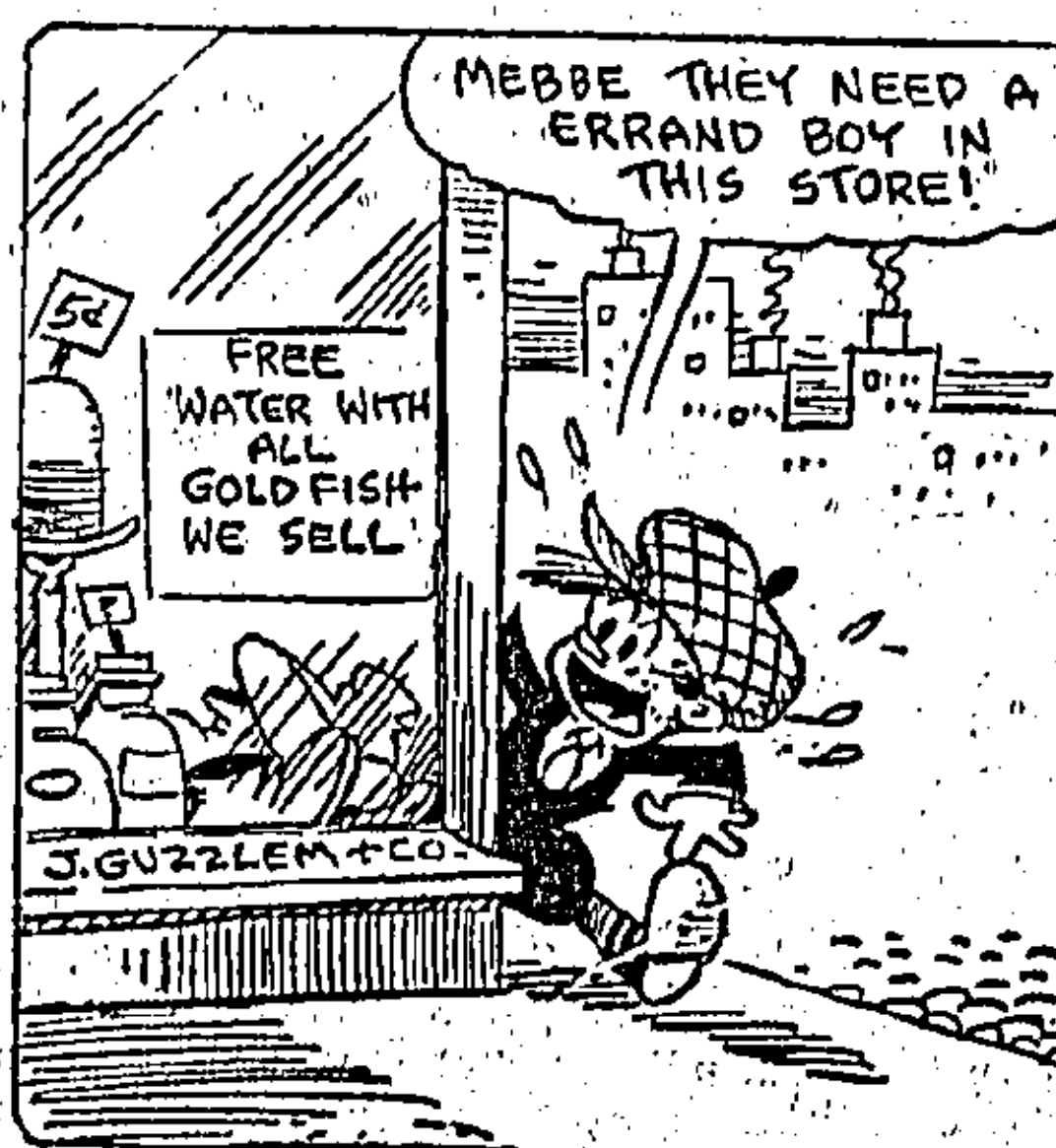
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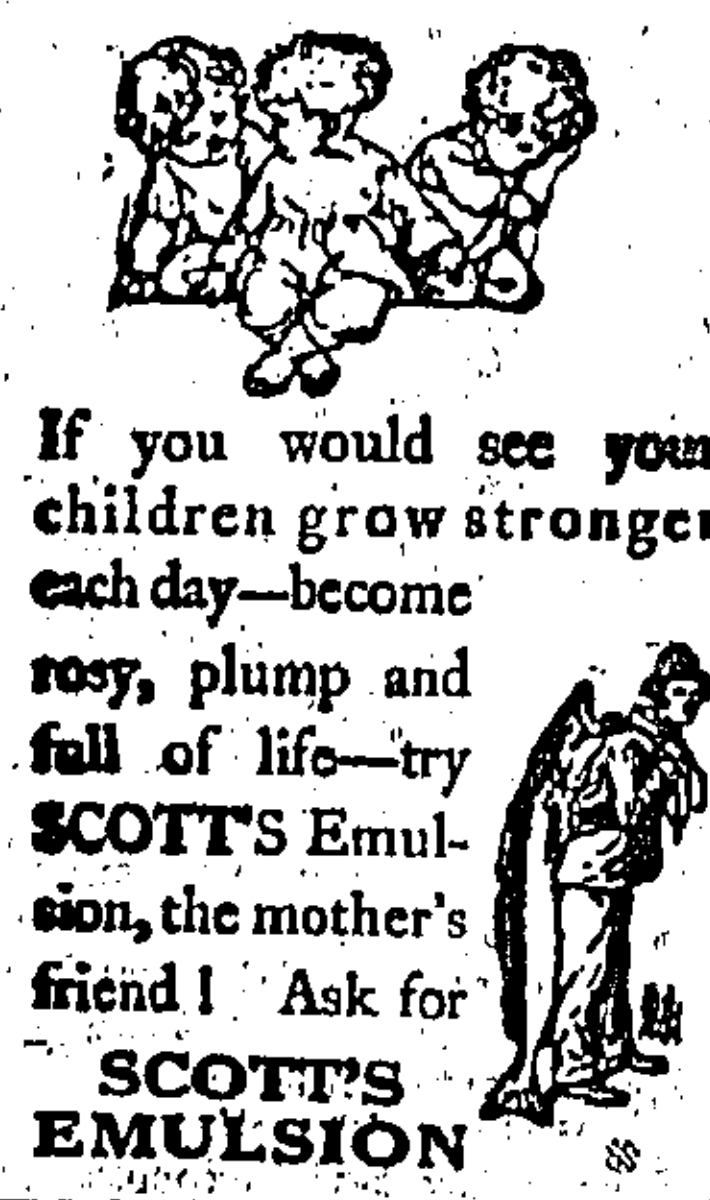
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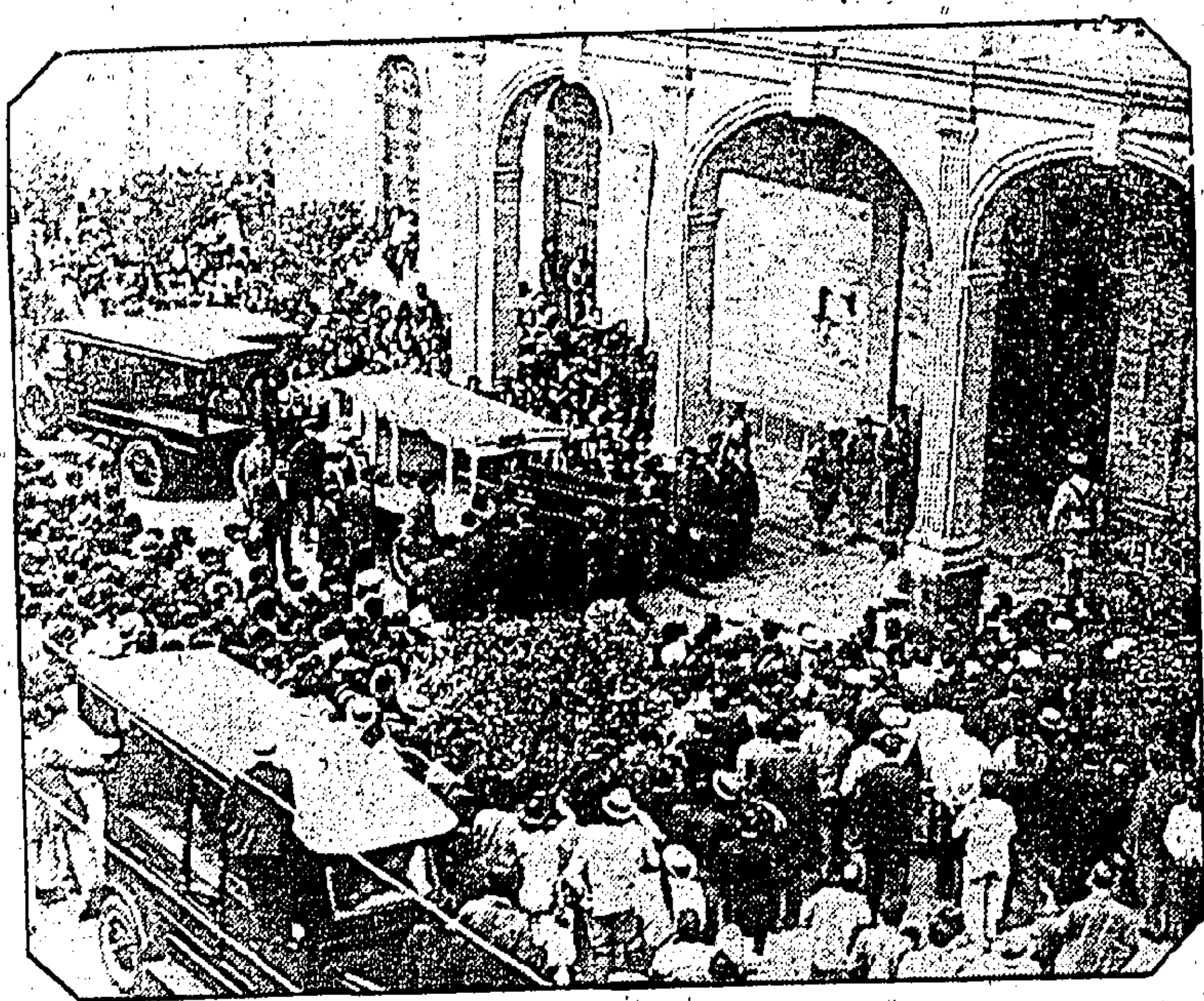
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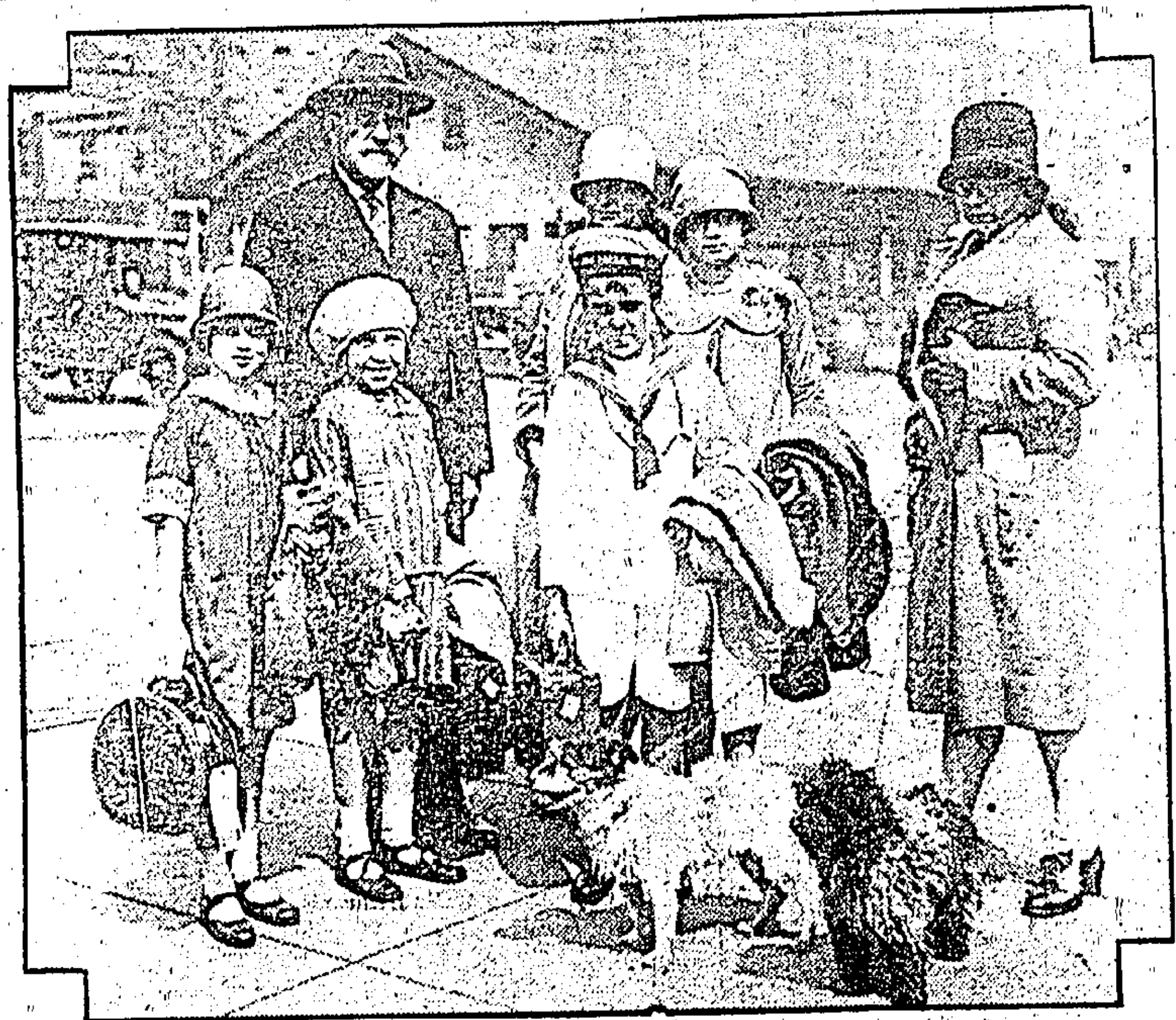
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FUNERAL OF REBEL GENERAL.—Crowds outside the Military Hospital in Mexico City watching the removal to a hearse of the body of General Francisco Serrano, who, with thirteen others, was executed as a rebel by the Calles Government troops.



AN ADMIRAL'S "FAMILY."—This is the latest photograph of Rear Admiral Newton A. McCully, commandant of the Charleston, S. C., navy yard, and six of his seven adopted Russian orphans, who have a mother, now that he has married in Reval, Esthonia. The Admiral is 69 and his bride 29.



DINNER TO HEALTH EDUCATION OFFICIALS.—Dinner given at the Shanghai Y. P. S. Restaurant recently by Dr. C. S. Kim, Acting Field Director of the Council on Health Education. Dr. Kim is a graduate of the John Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health of Baltimore, Maryland. The dinner was given on the occasion of the visit of Dr. Kim's father and some friends from Seoul. Reading from right to left: Dr. C. No-l Davis (S. M. C. Public Health Commissioner); Mrs. M. C. Chan (Mgr. Foot Ease, Hosier Mill); Mr. M. K. Park; Mrs. W. Yinson Lee; Mr. Y. Kim; Mr. C. W. Cho; Dr. H. W. Miller (Wed. Supt. Shanghai Sanitarium); Mr. S. W. Kim; Dr. C. S. Kim; Dr. Josephine Lawney (Dean of the Women's Christian Medical School); Dr. D. Gray (Med. Supt. Country Hospital); Miss S. Mayhew (Y. W. C. A. Hostess for Shanghai); Mr. S. W. Lee; Mr. W. Yinson Lee (Mgr. Di. Victoria Milk Co.); and Dr. I. A. Miller (Asst. Dir. of the Council on Health Education).



RECENT SHANGHAI WEDDING.—Mr. Granz Gunter and Miss Helena d'Encarnacao, who were married at St. Joseph's Church, Shanghai, recently. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. d'Encarnacao, of Shanghai.



OVERCOME BY FUMES.—Fumes from gasoline jettisoned to lighten his Air King biplane for forced landing overcame Arthur J. ("Steve") Lacey (left) on his third attempted start in the New York-to-Spokane non-stop race. Semi-conscious, he returned to land safely at Roosevelt Field, Long Island, collapsing immediately afterward. Above, you see friends reviving him. At the right is Captain L. Y. Yancey, Lacey's companion, who escaped the fumes by standing up in the machine to get fresh air.



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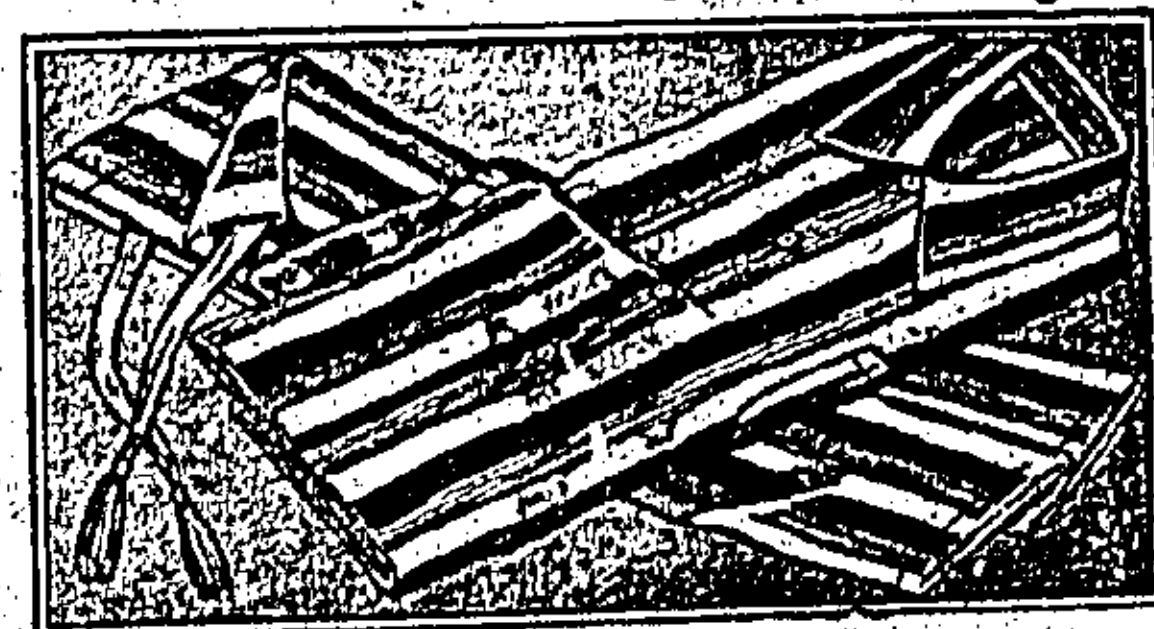
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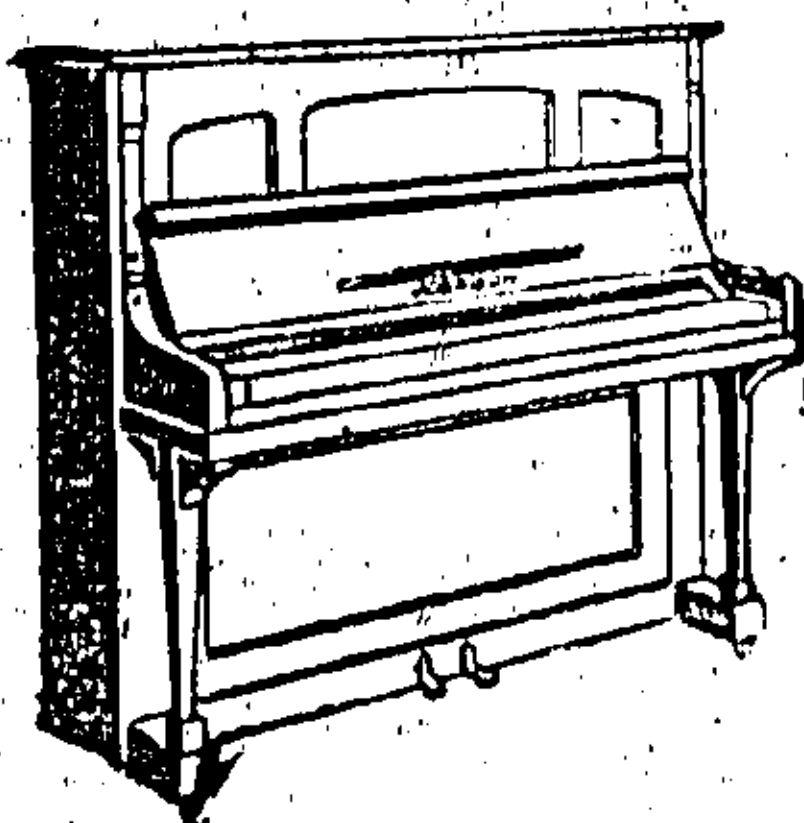
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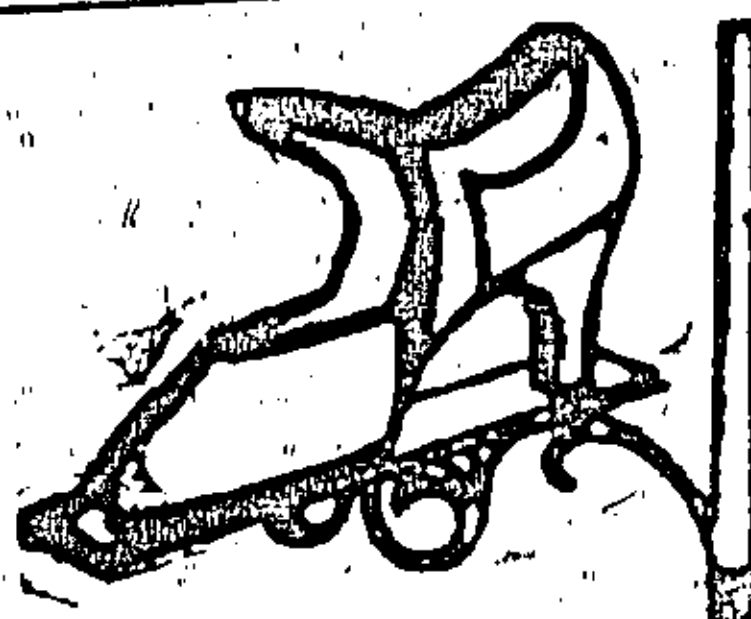
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No. 306. Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps. Orders by Lieut. Colonel L. G. Bird, D.S.O. Administrative Commandant. Hongkong, Friday, 2nd December, 1927.

1. Annual Camp.—Full particulars regarding annual camp which take place between 1st December and 18th December have been issued to all ranks on 18th November, 1927 by type written circular.
2. During the Camp Training Season 1st to 19th December, 1927 only correspondence of a most urgent nature is to be addressed to Orderly Room.
3. Camp Telephone.—The Corps Headquarters Telephone number in camp is No. 250 (Government phone).
4. Corps Orders.—During Camp Training at Fanling, Corps Orders will be published on Thursdays, 8th and 15th December instead of Fridays, 9th and 16th December, 1927.
5. Artillery Company. Parade at Corps Headquarters on Thursday, 8th December at 5.25 p.m. for Battery Drill. "A" Group Signallers 5.20 p.m. "B" Group Signallers 5.25 p.m.
6. Engineer Company. Field Sections. The Sections will go to Camp from 8th December to 12th December. All ranks will parade at Kowloon Railway Station on 8th December at 5.15 p.m. in order to catch the 5.43 p.m. train.
7. Reserve Company. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 7th December for M. G. Instruction. Dress: Muffi.
8. Strength. The following recruits are taken on the strength and posted as follows: No. 1282 Gunner F. H. Blundson, Artillery Co. dated 24.11.27. No. 1283 Pte. Lee Yuk-him, Medical Section dated 28.11.27.
9. Promotions. Artillery Company. No. 609 B.Q.M.S. C.W. Langley to be Battery Sergeant-Major as from 29.11.27. No. 546 Gunner J. Watson to be Bombardier as from 29.11.27. Armoured Car Company. No. 8897 Sergt. J. W. Henderson to be Company Sergeant-Major as from 29.11.27. No. 573 Pte. V. Goulborn to be Transport Sergeant as from 29.11.27. No. 9 Platoons. No. 938 Pte. V.M. Xavier to be Corp., as from 29.11.27. No. 10 Platoon. No. 950 L/Cpl. J.A. Delgado to be Corp., as from 29.11.27.
10. Transfers. No. 235 S.Q.M.S. D. Davies and No. 924 L/Cpl. S.C. Ho are transferred from the Medical Section to the Reserve Company, as from 28.11.27. No. 409 Sergeant R.D. Read is transferred from the Armoured Car Company to the Corps Signals, as from 29.11.27. No. 227 Battery Sergeant-Major C.H. Summers is transferred from the Artillery Company to the Reserve Company, as from 29.11.27.
11. Leave. No. 495 Corp. A.C.I. Bowker. No. 1 Platoon is granted leave of absence from the Corps from 1.12.27 to 30.11.28. No. 224 L/Sgt. J.C. Fletcher. No. 7 Platoon rejoined from leave on 25.11.27. No. 516 Bdr. J. Watson, Artillery Company rejoined from leave on 27.11.27.
12. Reversions. No. 195 Bdr. A.W. Roberts, M.M. and No. 619 L/Cpl. J. Harrop, Artillery Company revert to the ranks at their own request, as from 30.11.27.
13. Struck Off The Strength. Having completed three years' service and claimed his discharge, as from 25.11.27. No. 539 Pte. H.G. Russell, M. I. Company. On Medical Grounds, as from 28.11.27. No. 1180 Bandsman E.F. Nuttall, Corps Band. No. 1183 Pte. H.R. Sequerra, No. 9 Platoon. R. A. WOLFE MURRAY, MAJOR, Adjutant, H. K. V. D. Corps.

THE DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE.

RUSSIAN RESOLUTION RIDICULED.

London, Dec. 1. Litvinoff's "Scrapitallism" at Geneva has evoked a chorus of derision. The Liberal papers are equally as scathing as the Conservative in condemnation of a scheme which is alternatively described as grotesque, farcical "magnificent but not peace."

The Daily Telegraph declared that none but a simpleton will treat the plan at all seriously, while the Daily News, which is particularly down on "Moscow's Peace-Fest," points out that to ask England to disarm completely and leave her trade routes (whereon the very life of her thronged cities depends) utterly defenceless, is not exactly the same as to ask Russia, which is politically self-supporting, to do so.

The plan is generally characterised as an obvious attempt to put the other Great Powers in a false light. The Daily Herald alone reads in the proposals an invitation to the other Powers to reveal how far they are in earnest.—Reuter.

Advertising the Soviet.

The British press in commenting on M. Litvinoff's proposals is unimpressed by their practicality and dubious about their intentions.

The Manchester Guardian says: "Complete disarmament is a technical impossibility because every nation has some means of fighting even if battleships and guns are scrapped."

The Daily Mail speaks of Litvinoff's mocking proposals and thinks them a great misfortune for cause of disarmament.

The Daily Chronicle describes them as a bad joke.

The Morning Post says they are a farcical advertisement for the Soviet and the Daily News declares them a meaningless irrelevance.

It is the general view of the newspapers that if practical results are to be attained it will only be through the technical consideration of the problem in a scientific spirit, and with due regard to the international engagements and responsibilities of States. The idea that the abolition of all arms necessarily means peace is discounted and it is maintained that the reduction of armaments must necessarily be achieved by progressive and agreed stages.—British Wireless.

French Opinion.

Paris, Dec. 1. Many newspapers in commenting on the Soviet Geneva proposals have expressed the opinion that M. Litvinoff is joking, although Le Petit Parisien thinks he is serious and that the Russians, if refused a hearing would have walked out, denouncing the hypocrisy of capitalist Governments.—Reuter.

American Opinion.

New York, Dec. 1. It is too early yet to forecast the reaction of the Soviet proposals in the United States, but the majority of papers are pessimistic regarding conditions in Europe.

The New York World, contends that the network of defensive treaties is rapidly dividing Europe into great coalitions of armed States.—Reuter's American Service.

American's Position.

London, Dec. 1. A New Committee on Arbitration and Security was agreed to by the Preparatory Commission of the Disarmament Conference at Geneva yesterday. The Committee will consist of all countries represented on the Commission, with the exception of Russia, who will send an observer and of the United States, who is still considering whether to send an observer. Since the Committee will deal with the interpretation of certain clauses in the League Covenant, which America has not signed, her

21 YEARS AGO.

EXTRACTS FROM "TELEGRAPH" FILES.

The following items are from the Hongkong Telegraph for the week ended December 1st, 1906. The rate of the dollar on demand was 2/3 3/16d.

A correspondent suggested that Hongkong should follow the example of Shanghai and arrange an annual International Walking Match.

Mr. G. P. Lummett sold Sections A.B., C. and D., with the remaining portion, of Kowloon Inland Lot No. 51. The lot had an area of 8,358 square feet and was bought by Mr. Lau Ching-ting for \$20,000.

The death was announced, in England, of Mr. Thomas Arnold, for many years Secretary of the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd.

The French destroyer Fronde, which foundered off Kowloon in the September typhoon, was refloated.

The official opening of the railway from Swatow to Chaochowfu was announced.

Players representing the Hongkong Rugby Club against the Garrison included Messrs. A. O. Lang, T. E. Pearce, J. C. Joughin and L. J. Blackburn.

St. Andrew's Ball was pronounced the most successful in the history of the Society. Mr. T. F. Hough was the Chiefstain, and Mr. W. C. Jack was the convener of the Decorations Committee, which included Mr. D. Tompkins as a member. Mr. R. Sutherland was one of the members of the Dance and Music Committee. The dances, apart from the Scottish numbers, were waltzes, two-steps and polkas.

participation was not expected, but the American delegate Mr. Hugh Wilson, stated that although his Government must leave to European States those matters which particularly concerned them in another part of the world, the United States had signed with Great Britain, France and Japan, what really amounted to a security pact.

Most of the day's proceedings were occupied with the presentation of M. Litvinoff's sweeping proposals for the abolition of all land, sea and air forces and the destruction of all military supplies, which subsequently underwent some criticism from M. Paul Boncour of France and M. Benes of Czechoslovakia. The Russian proposals may be further discussed on the second reading of the Disarmament Convention.—British Wireless.

Security Committee Sits.

Geneva, Dec. 1. The meeting of the Security Committee has opened, Dr. Benes of Czechoslovakia being unanimously elected its President and Sr. Urrutia of Colombia Vice-President. Mr. Politis urged the committee to examine the objections against the adoption of the Geneva Protocol.

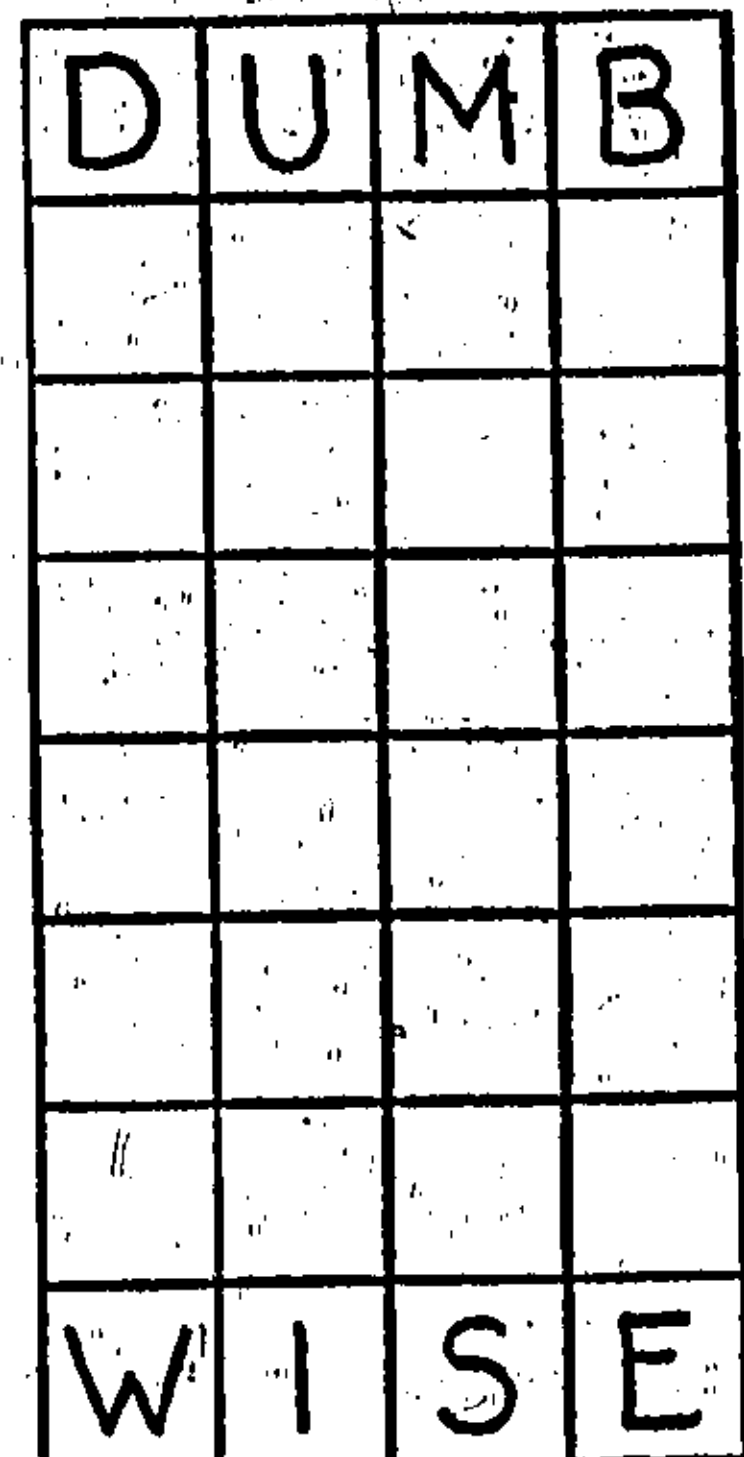
Fear of War Justified.

The Russian delegation have issued a long addendum to M. Litvinoff's speech declaring that it was useless to enter into the question of responsibility for the late war which was due to competition among the great capitalist States who were forced to maintain their colonial positions and markets for their increased output. It declares that the results of the last Naval Disarmament Conference were fraught with danger owing to the strained relations between the participants, therefore the fear of the outbreak of a gigantic war is amply justified.—Reuter.

LETTER GOLF.

TRY THIS ONE.

There are some supposed to be "DUMB," but they can get "WISE" by working this puzzle in fewer than seven strokes.



The Rules.

- 1.—The idea of letter golf is to change one word to another and do it in par, a given number of strokes. Thus to change COW TO HEN, in three strokes, COW, HOW, HEW, HEN.
 - 2.—You can change only one letter at a time.
 - 3.—You must have a complete word, of common usage, for each jump. Slang words and abbreviations don't count.
 - 4.—The order of letters cannot be changed.
- One solution is printed on another page of this issue.

THE PRAYER BOOK.

THREE DAYS TO BE DEVOTED TO DISCUSSION.

London, Dec. 1. Three days have been set aside by the House of Lords within the next fortnight for the discussion of the measure for the reform of the English prayer book. If the measure is rejected by the House of Lords it will drop automatically. If carried it will be debated in the House of Commons on the 15th. The political parties are divided on the measure. The First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. W. C. Bridgeman, will submit it for approval in the House of Commons and the Home Secretary, Sir William Joynson Hicks, will probably propose its rejection.—British Wireless.

Official statistics, issued in connexion with the drought in Queensland show that the sheep lost in 1926 are estimated at 5,335,207, with an additional loss of 955,638 in potential increase. The statement predicts that this year's losses will be equally bad.

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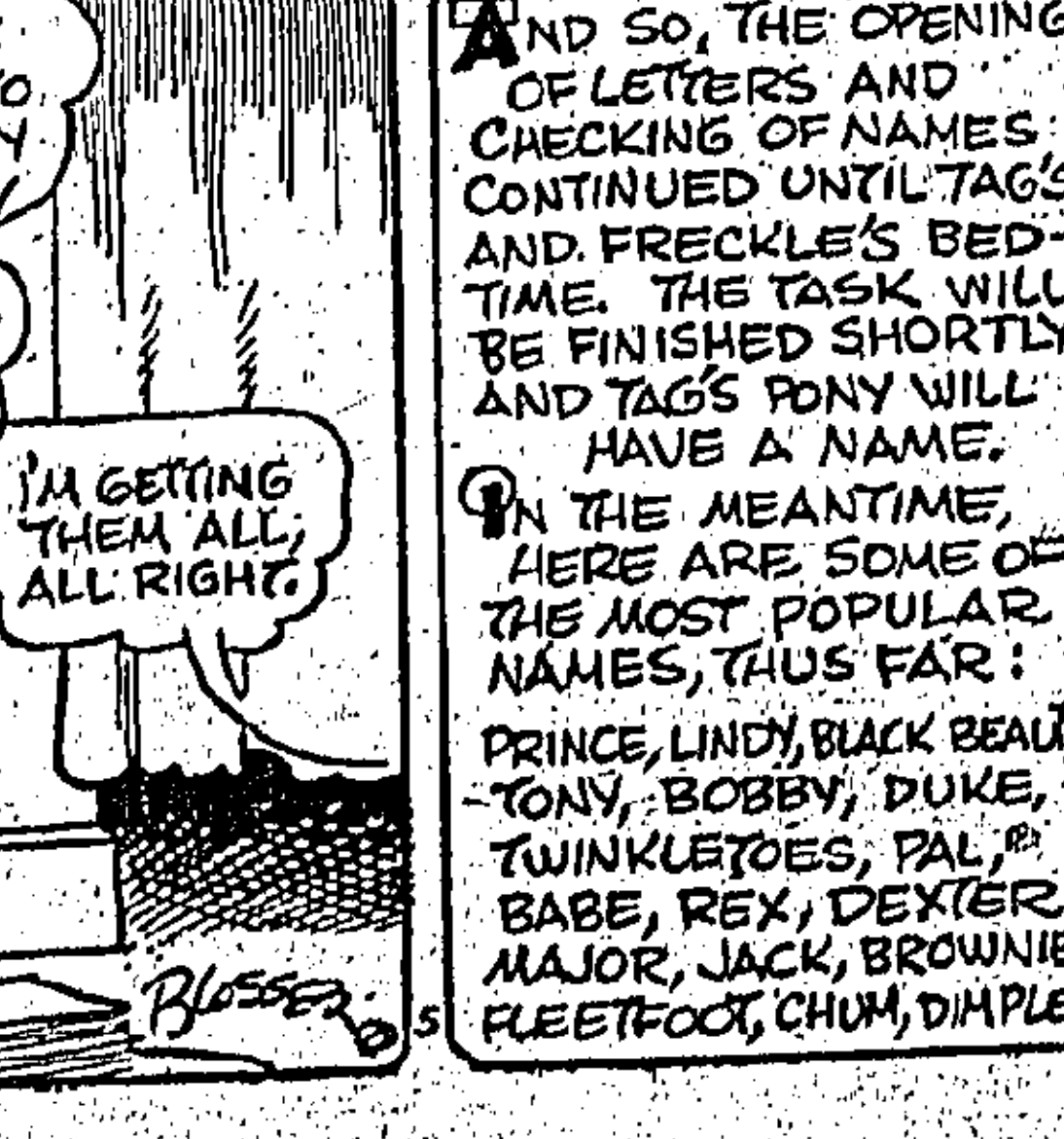
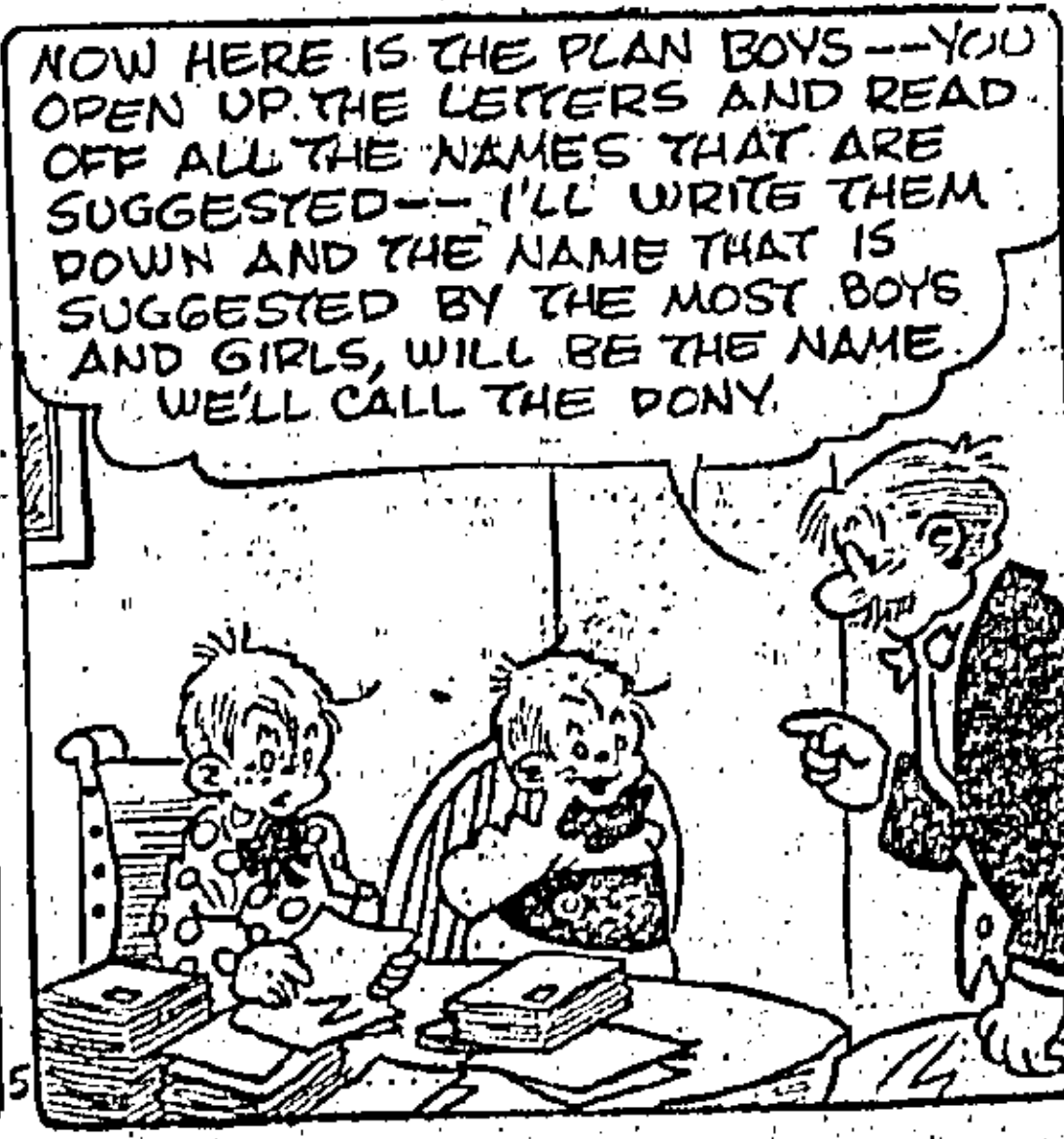
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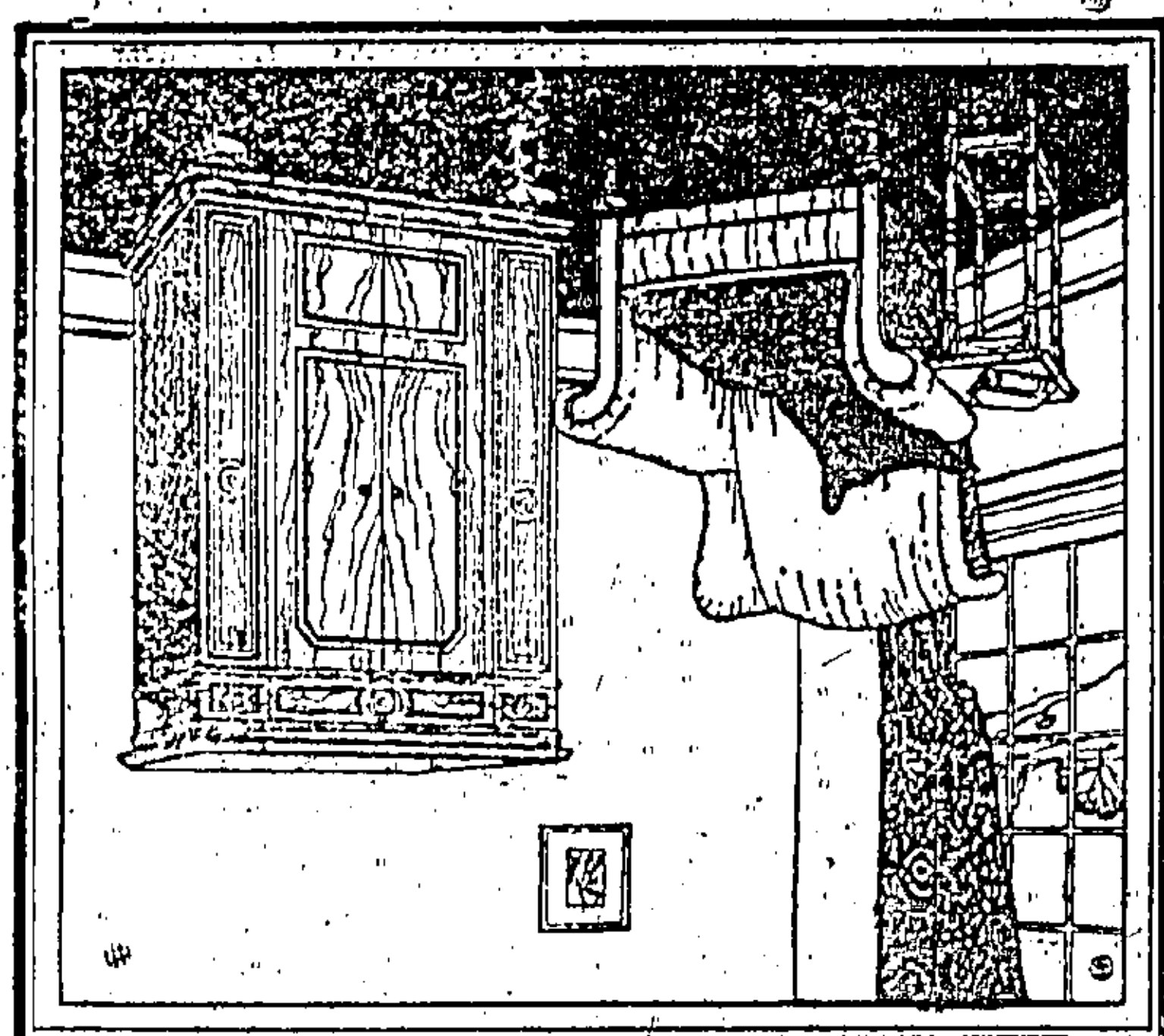
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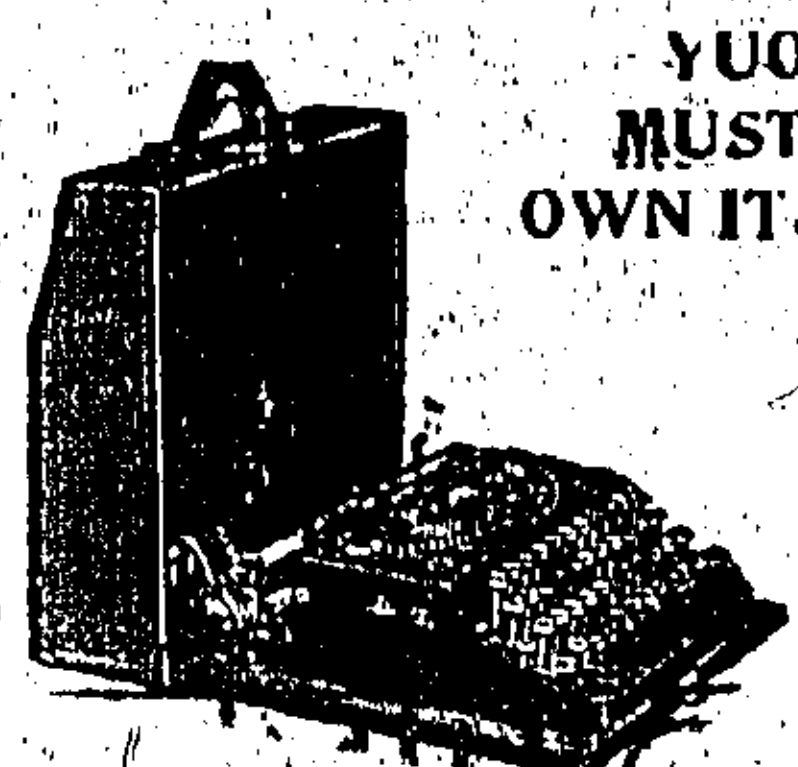


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DEATH.

McCUBBIN.—On the 1st inst., at "Hillcrest," Hillmont, Rugby, John McCubbin, late of the Hongkong and China Gas Co., (By cable).

The Hongkong Telegraph.

FRIDAY, DEC. 2, 1927.

ABSURD.

We imagine that there will be general agreement amongst all practically-minded individuals that the proposals put forward by M. Litvinoff, at the Geneva Conference, in favour of complete disarmament by all the Powers, are essentially Utopian in character. They have already been described as grotesque and farcical, which is precisely what they are. Apart altogether from the correctness or otherwise of the Soviet spokesman's procedure, M. Litvinoff must have known quite well that, in making the suggestions which he did, he could not possibly hope for acquiescence in his proposals. The only inference to be drawn, therefore, is that, instead of confining himself to the exposition of reasonable ideas, he merely utilised the occasion for the purpose of indulging in typical Soviet propaganda.

If there is one quality which the Soviet leaders lack it is that of practicality. They are all dreamers and visionaries, unable, by reason of their mental make-up, to grapple with problems in a common-sense manner. Even a moment's thought should have convinced M. Litvinoff that his suggestions could not be seriously considered by men who are accustomed to deal with realities. What were his proposals? He urged the complete abolition of all land, marine and air forces, the destruction of all means of warfare and the legislative prohibition of military training. This gentleman of super-pacifist mentality would also appear to be in a tremendous hurry to reform the world, for he wants a Convention embodying his ideas to be immediately drawn up and submitted for confirmation to a special Conference to be held within the next four months! The practical aspect of the matter, such as the finding of work for the millions of naval and military men affected, the disposal of armaments, warships and aerial equipment, has never apparently entered M. Lit-

vinoff's mind. He wants the Millennium to be realised before next summer, at the least! Our surprise is that he did not suggest an equal distribution of the world's wealth within the same period.

Another point which will occur to anyone giving thought to the subject is that these revolutionary proposals do not come too well from a Soviet leader. For it must be remembered that Russia to-day has the largest peace-footing Army in the world. That hardly suggests that these Soviet leaders really believe in what they preach. At any rate, the world in general might be much more inclined to give them a serious hearing if they first did a bit of disarming as an earnest of their good intentions. Happily for the security of the world, there happen to be some sane and level-headed statesmen in amongst the delegates at Geneva, and they are in the majority. Even if complete disarmament is an ideal to be aimed at, the end is one which can only be gradually, even very slowly, attained. M. Litvinoff's outburst may be a piece of supreme advertising of Soviet ideas, but its practical value is nil.

Telephoto Messages.

The transmission of news items, and messages, by telephoto process has been established between Berlin and Vienna as from yesterday, and it marks a very big advance in the realm of modern communication. It is made possible by an invention which came into greater prominence recently, when Mr. Baird, an English experimenter, made television a practical fact, and thus advanced the process which had previously enabled the sending of telephotographs. One recalls the first examples of telephoto work, about three years ago, which were distinctly crude. Now, it is nothing to have a perfectly good photograph transmitted over the telegraph wires, and it may interest readers to know that within the past few months we have published such photos on our picture page. It was the speed of telephotography, combined with the special arrangements for despatch, made by our agents, which enabled us to give our readers the first pictures of the Dempsey-Tunney return match, and the Saint Louis tornado damage, for instance. The sending of the photograph of a sheet of paper covered with writing, which is the method employed in the German system of communication just inaugurated, is a natural adaptation of telephotography, and should in time become universal, so that it will be possible to send a letter home—an actual reproduction of one's handwriting—in a few minutes; and if the rates are not prohibitive, one can imagine the day coming when the weekly mail will be replaced by the week-end telephoto-letter. Truly, we live in an age of remarkable achievement through the commercial adaptation of scientific discovery. From telephotography to television has been but a step, and the time is bound to arrive when we will be able to see those with whom we converse. Gradually, the distances over which this is possible will be increased, and with the perfection of wireless, the era will dawn when it will be possible to telephone to anyone, anywhere, and see the form and features of the person we are speaking to. That sounds, even now, more like a dream than a probable reality; but in view of what has already been accomplished in the short span of the past decade, one cannot doubt the likelihood of man overcoming such obstacles as remain between him and such an achievement. Practically half the preliminary work has already been accomplished, and the final triumph should not be far away.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, Dec. 1.
Paris	124
Brussels	34.00
Amsterdam	12.00
Berlin	20.45
Copenhagen	18.10
Vienna	34.57
Helsinki	108.4
Lisbon	2.71
Bucharest	79.25
Buenos Aires	47.5
Shanghai	2.7
Yokohama	1.10
New York	4.87
Geneva	25.30
Milan	18.00
Stockholm	18.34
Oslo	16.44
Prague	29.02
Madrid	29.02
Athens	3.87
Rio	5.27
Bombay	1.16
Hongkong	2.04
Silver (spot)	26.31
Silver (forward)	26.31

—British Wireless.

DAY BY DAY.

EVERY PERIOD OF LIFE HAS ITS PECULIAR PREJUDICES; WHOEVER SAW OLD AGE, THAT DID NOT APPLAUD THE PAST, AND CONDEMN THE PRESENT TIMES?—Montaigne.

The B. I. s.s. Talmá is to leave Amoy on the 6th instant and is due here on the following evening.

The health return for yesterday shows two cases of diphtheria, one being British and the other Chinese.

A rabid dog is reported from the New Territories, mention of the fact being contained in to-day's health return.

The Empress of Russia left Yokohama at 1 p.m. yesterday and is due here on the morning of the 8th instant. She sails for Manila the same evening.

A report has been made to the police to the effect that a quantity of oak wood, to the value of \$200, has been stolen from the workshop of the Sang Kee contractor's firm.

A fisherman, 73 years of age, was drowned yesterday while fishing in Shatin waters. It appears that the man was fishing from his boat when a gust of wind capsized the craft and threw him into the water. The body has not been recovered.

The Royal Observatory reports that the anti-cyclone over China has strengthened slightly. Fresh monsoon may be expected along the S. E. coast of China, and over the China Sea. The local weather forecast up to noon to-morrow is: N. E. winds, fresh; fine.

Before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, at the Central Magistracy this morning, Mr. T. H. Losoby defended a Chinese who is charged with the theft of motor-car parts from a motor-car which was parked in Statue Square. The defendant was remanded until Wednesday, bail being fixed at \$100.

The latest official report of the disastrous fire in Laichikok Road, early yesterday morning, makes it clear that the outbreak originated at No. 64. Four other houses, two on each side of No. 64, adjoining each other, were also involved. The extent of the damage is not yet known.

The following ships were expected to be in wireless communication with Hongkong to-day:—President Adams, Achilles, Suiyang, Tjikini, Chengtu, Japan, Tjisaraea, Glenara, Linan, Helios, St. Albans, Kwipang, Vestland, Anhui, Hangsang, Benlomond, Deli Maru, Fushimi Maru, Awa Maru, Santos Maru, Tamba Maru and West Hixton.

Older residents of the Colony will hear with regret of the death at home of Mr. S. E. Beeton, for many years a member of the firm of Messrs. Herbert Dent and Co., of Canton. Much sympathy will be felt with the relatives, amongst whom is Capt. W. G. R. Beeton, of the Queen's Royal Regiment, now in Hongkong, who is a son of the deceased gentleman.

Feature films showing in the local cinemas to-day besides John Gilbert's big picture, "The Show," at the Queen's Theatre include "Dancing Mothers," a story of New York's fast set, at the Star Theatre, with Conway Tearle and Alice Joyce in the leading roles, and Hoot Gibson's latest Western comedy, "A Hero on Horseback," at the World Theatre.

A Chinese who is charged with the possession of a nugget of gold from the s.s. Solviken, which is one of the vessels that has fallen into the hands of pirates this year, again appeared on remand before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy this morning. Detective Sgt. A. V. Baker asked for another remand for 24 hours which was granted.

A Japanese oil-engined fishing boat, the Kaiko Maru, recently picked up a bottle in the sea off Langkawi, sixty miles north-west of Penang, containing a message which reads: "This bottle was thrown overboard by Squadron-Leader Munday and Flight-Lieut. Foster in the middle of the Indian Ocean and we shall be glad to hear of anybody picking it up. We are on our way as far as Cathay. Have just finished with this bottle. See you at Shanghai aboard H.M.S. Argus."

Burglars who entered No. 118, Hollywood Road, got away with two rattan baskets and \$33 worth of jewellery. As they left the house, the alarm was raised, and shortly afterwards, in a search made by the police, a man was arrested in an adjoining lane. He denied the theft, but led the officer to a house in the City where another man, who was sleeping in a cockpit, was pointed out as being one of the burglars. The second man was charged at the Central Police Court this morning and sentenced to three months' hard labour on conviction. The first man is still detained for enquiries.

FORMER RESIDENT'S DEATH.

MR. JOHN McCUBBIN PASSES AWAY.

Many residents of the Colony will learn with intense regret of the death of Mr. John McCubbin, formerly of the Hongkong and China Gas Company, which occurred at home yesterday. News of his demise was received here this morning by cable.

The late Mr. McCubbin came to Hongkong in 1900 as Resident Engineer of the Hongkong Gas Works, a position which he held for 23 years. He served his time at Greenock and prior to coming out East he was manager of the Gas Works at Chorley in Lancashire. It was in 1923 that he retired, and on reaching home he settled down with his wife near Rugby, where he passed away yesterday. Besides the bereaved widow, the deceased leaves two children, one, a son, being at home, and the other, a married daughter, being the wife of Mr. James Stewart, of Taikoo. For these much sympathy will be felt.

During his lengthy residence in the Colony, the late Mr. McCubbin made a wide circle of friends, by whom he was much esteemed for his sterling character and kindly disposition. He was a Past President of the Institution of Shipbuilders and Engineers, in which he always took a keen and very lively interest.

EURASIAN SENT TO GAOL.

ADMITS TWO SERIOUS CHARGES.

A sentence of one month's hard labour for obtaining goods from Messrs. Lane, Crawford's, and a second sentence of two months' for embezzlement of a small sum from Royal & Co., was the penalty imposed by Major C. Willson this morning on A. J. Simon, a Eurasian.

It will be recalled that a few days ago, Simon gave himself up to the police as a deservant. The police, however, discovered that he was wanted for several offences and an adjournment was asked for. When charged this morning, Simon pleaded guilty to both counts.

The charge of vagrancy against Simon, being of a minor nature, was withdrawn.

RETURN OF H.E. THE GOVERNOR.

DUE THIS EVENING.

His Excellency the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.), accompanied by Lady Clementi and children, is due to return to the Colony this evening, after his trip to Japan and North China. His Excellency is travelling down by the N.Y.K. liner Fushimi Maru, which is due in port at about 6 p.m.

H.E. the Officer Administering the Government (the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern) is leaving for home on Thursday next, accompanied by Mrs. Southern. They depart by the Empress of Russia and hope to spend Christmas in Vancouver.

LADIES' NIGHT.

LAST NIGHT'S Y.M.C.A. FUNCTION.

Some eighty members and sixty guests were present at an enjoyable Ladies' Night at the Y.M.C.A., Kowloon, last night.

Following dinner there was a capital programme, to which the following contributed:—Mr. B. W. Sampson, Mrs. P. Younghusband and Surgeon-Lieut.-Comdr. Bradfield (songs), Mr. A. Acheson (violin solos), the Rev. W. Walton Rogers (recitations), and Messrs. H. J. Best, B. Baldwin, J. W. Baldwin and C. W. E. Bishop (quartettes). The quartette party, by the way, style themselves "The Quays Bees."

The "Names" competition, provided much interest and amusement.

Believed to have received his injuries while trying to escape from a house during a police raid, a Chinese was taken to the Kowloon Hospital, having been injured about his legs and head. He later died in hospital. He was found lying on the footpath outside No. 25, On Man Street, Shamshui. The house was raided by Sub-Inspector Chevalier early yesterday morning.

The Very Idea!

The lecturer was emphasising the demoralising effect of divorce. "Love," he said, "is a quest, a proposal, a request, the giving of a daughter's hand in marriage, a bequest, and marriage itself the conquest. But what is divorce?" Voice from the audience—"The inquest!"

Chicago's tallest policeman, who claimed to be the tallest policeman in America, has retired from the force after twenty-five years' service.

He is Alber Pagner, aged fifty-one, height 6ft. 8in., weight 20st., as his police papers testify. Pagner stated in an interview that motor-cars have run over his feet—he wears size fifteen shoes—during his service as a traffic officer. He has also been knocked down twice by motorists, but he added that the drivers in each case apologised as soon as he got up.

Canning Town woman: I first met her in the doctor's insulting room.

Stratford man: Wives are all the same except that some can spend more than others.

East Ham woman: You can compare my husband with a rare gem—seldom seen, so he cannot quarrel.

Solicitor at Bow County Court: You were using obscene language to your landlady?—Man: I could not have been—I don't know the meaning of the word.

Willesden magistrate: Attendance officers are especially selected for their tact and discretion. Mother of truant: And I beg leave to say "Query."

Young wife at Willesden: I first met my husband at a dance, and we have danced ever since we married.

Judge—What is your name? Prisoner—Smith.

Judge—And your occupation? Prisoner—Locksmith.

Judge—Lock Smith up!

It is the business of politicians to be optimistic.—Mr. Philip Snowden.

Social reform remains the watchword of the Conservative Party.—Sir Douglas Hogg.

Let women get hold of the flapper, the real one under 21, and help to educate her.—Mr. Bridge-man.

The working woman's place is in the home, is a statement often made, but I beg to differ. We have been at home too long.—Mrs. Mary Orton.

It is not until religion is attacked and there is a chance of losing it that we realise what a priceless possession it is to us.—Sir Francis Younghusband.

Counsel—Do you have a distinct recollection of the night of September 8?

Witness—I most certainly do. That was the one night in two years my daughters were not out dancing. They both caught measles!

When the aged Pachmann concluded his programme at the Albert Hall, London, recently, hundreds of people rushed to the front and surrounded the famous pianist, who laughingly complained: "You are too good. You will not let me go." Before starting his programme Pachmann chatted for ten minutes to those in the front and platform seats, and he repeatedly threw kisses to the audience at large as an expression of his delight at being back in London. During the opening piece Pachmann had a lapse of memory, and the score had to be brought to him. The huge crowd was greatly touched at the sight of the aged master (he is now eighty) peering at his music.

A junior master in a preparatory school recently perpetrated a spoonerism which might almost rank with some of those gems attributed to the great master of the art.

Giving a lesson in English history the master in question referred to the "Bottle of Bassworth."

The new and energetic minister was determined to shake up the parish. In particular, he was resolved to tackle a certain big wig's wife, who, though she might have been a power for good in the district, preferred to auction bridge to deeds of piety and charity.

One day while talking with this lady, he observed—"Doubtless, Mrs. M., you have recognised the immense amount of time that is wasted in playing bridge?"

The lady agreed heartily.

"You're right," she said. "Some people take years to shuffle and deal, don't they?"

Forthcoming weddings announced include that of Mr. C. R. Heyn, merchant, 628 Rue Courbet, Tientsin, to Miss J. G. K. Gobert, on her way to Hongkong on board the s.s. Derfflinger.

MISSING FUNDS.

LEGATION OFFICER ARRESTED.

AMERICAN IN TROUBLE.

A clean-shaven man in the early thirties, wearing a light felt hat, light grey suit, coloured tie and tan shoes yesterday stepped from the gangway of the liner Khiva when she docked here from Hongkong, says the Shanghai Times of Saturday last. The man was Henry F. Krenz, Disbursing Officer of the American Legation at Peking, who is accused of embezzling thousands of dollars of Legation funds.

Krenz was in the custody of Mr. Thurston R. Porter, U.S. Marshal who went to Hongkong last week to meet the vessel on which Krenz was travelling, as James Stuart. As the two men stepped from the gangway the click of a camera man's instrument came to the ears of Krenz, who lowered his head and averted his face.

Krenz was taken to the American Club by Mr. Porter and later was questioned by Dr. George Sellett, U.S. District Attorney, after which he was returned to the gaol.

Arrival in Hongkong.

Krenz arrived in Hongkong on the previous Monday on the liner Khiva. When the ship docked two Chinese detectives went aboard, acting under instructions of the British Consulate, and notified Krenz that he would not be permitted to go ashore. He had previously been refused permission to land in Singapore, after it became known that he was wanted by the American authorities.

Krenz arrived in Singapore on the liner Macedonia and was ordered to be transferred to the Khiva to be returned to Shanghai. Mr. Porter went aboard the Khiva last Monday, armed with a warrant issued here but visited by Mr. I. T. Morris, Acting British Police Magistrate in Shanghai. The warrant, however, was not served until after the Khiva reached Shanghai.

Krenz was located in the saloon on an upper deck. He was seated in a corner and playing cards with ship acquaintances.

Mr. Porter, who recognized him from a description furnished, approached and said: "Hello, Henry."

Krenz looked up, smiled and said: "I've been expecting you, Mr. Porter."

Thinks Of His Family.

During the trip from Hongkong to Shanghai Krenz occupied one cabin and Mr. Porter another just across the passageway. At no time was Krenz confined to his cabin or actually under arrest. When the vessel docked here Mr. Porter quietly served the warrant and Krenz said: "All right."

At one time during the voyage he spoke of his wife and children, who are reported penniless in Peking.

His words were: "I'm mighty sorry about all of this because of the innocent ones who must suffer."

When searched by Mr. Porter, the Disbursing Officer was found to have \$38,500 in his possession. He gave no explanation concerning the money nor did he intimate how he would plead when his case is called for trial.

Trial in Shanghai?

Although not officially stated, it is believed that the trial will be held in Shanghai before Judge Milton D. Purdy of the U.S. Court for China.

Krenz is well-known in Peking where he has been a familiar figure for a number of years. He is 33 years of age and ran away from home when 16 years old to join the Marines. His service record is an excellent one and he rose to the rank of sergeant before being honourably discharged.

As Disbursing Officer of the Legation he handled large sums of money. Recently while he was absent from Peking on a month's leave, an investigation there into his accounts resulted in the discovery that a large sum of money was missing. Krenz, in the meantime, had come to Shanghai and registered at a local hotel as James Stuart. He sailed from here on November 5 for Hongkong, and on November 16 sailed from that city for Singapore.

The Harbour Office reports for the 24 hours ended 9 a.m. this morning showed fair arrivals and departures, with comparatively high tonnage. British freight registers were good, with the bulk of the through returns and the second best of the day inward. There were 10 nationalities in the complete return, with 21 entries and 15 departures, of which nine and four respectively were British, leaving 70 vessels in harbour, British 26.

SHANGHAI FREIGHT MARKET.

BUSINESS STEADILY MAINTAINED.

Messrs. Wheelock and Co.'s freight market report states: The situation in our outward freight markets we find to be as follows:

To United Kingdom and Continent:—The winter export season has started and the first shipments of hides are now going forward. There is also a certain amount of tea still moving, but not much general cargo.

The Hankow export market is still active and there is quite a fair amount of cereals, hides and general cargo coming down by River steamers for transshipment in Shanghai.

At Dairen, the demand for early spring shipment seems to be a little stronger and rates have a tendency to "harden" in consequence;—the Vladivostok market is moving in the same direction.

To United States via Pacific and Canals:—This market continues dull and lifeless;—the tea-season is finishing and many other commodities besides and there is only a little silk and a little general cargo moving.

Coastwise:—There is little change to report here;—Antung closed on the 18th inst. and Newchwang is expected to close early next month;—business to Tientsin and Northern Ports is very quiet, while fair cargoes are moving to Southern Ports, with the exception of Canton, where adverse commercial conditions have caused a number of bankruptcies, especially among oil merchants.

Yangtze River cargoes are moving in quite large volume, especially downwards from Hankow; despite temporary hold-ups on the Hunan and middle River trades on account of hostilities.

STRIKE INCITER FINED.

DOCUMENTS DISTRIBUTED AMONG WORKERS.

On his re-appearance before Mr. W. Schofield this morning, on a charge of having in his possession pamphlets inciting a strike among the textile workers, a young Chinese, through Mr. Leo d'Almada, admitted the charge, and was fined \$200, with the alternative of three months' hard labour.

Mr. d'Almada said that he had gone into the case, and advised his client to plead guilty.

In asking for leniency, Mr. d'Almada mentioned the defendant's youth, and said that he was not the author of the documents, which were issued by the Guild. If the officials were still in the Colony there would be no doubt that they would be before his Worship instead of the defendant.

Sergeant Hayward said that he had received instructions to press the charge, remarking, in reply to his Worship, that people in knitting factories had been intimidated last night.

Sentence as stated above was imposed.

THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL EFFORT.

LARGE SUM FROM SALE OF ROSES.

On enquiry this morning we learn that the amount obtained by yesterday's sale of roses was \$4,234.55, while a few more collection boxes are still coming in.

Gratification is expressed at this splendid response to the appeal of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul for funds for the assistance of the Poor of the Colony.

The annual Bazaar and Al Fresco Fete of the Society, which will round up the week's drive for funds, is being held this Sunday in the compound of the Catholic Cathedral.

TIN AND RUBBER.

THE LATEST SHARE QUOTATIONS.

Messrs. Carroll Bros. have been advised of the following quotations and dividends on rubber and mining shares:

Quotations.	
Allenby's	\$3.05
Ayer-Moleks	2.45
Glencalys	3.15
Jinahs	2.85
Kedahs	4.50
Malaka Pindas	4.50
Pajamas	2.90

Dividends.
Narborough (F.M.S.) Rubber Co., 5% Final.
Tanjong Tin Dredging Co., 5% Int.

AUSTRALIAN STRIKE DEVELOPMENTS.

GOVERNMENT PREPARES TO TAKE ACTION.

WIDESPREAD EFFECTS.

Canberra, Dec. 1. The strike which has lasted since the 21st November of the Australian waterside workers who refused to work overtime after five in the evening owing to wages grievances, is assuming serious proportions. The shipowners have declared an immediate lockout at all ports alleging that the workers decline to comply with the terms of the award of the Arbitration Court, which included working overtime. Both sides are adamant.

Government Measures.

The House of Representatives after two hours of Labourite uproar adopted a Government motion to suspend standing orders to discuss industrial troubles. The Prime Minister asked the House

ANTI-CRIME MOVE.

Rewards and Compensation in Shanghai.

Shanghai, Dec. 2.

Allied merchants in Shanghai have formulated an interesting proposal to provide a fund for the purpose of rewarding police, compensating the injured, and aiding the dependents of men killed in encounters with kidnappers and bandits.

The movement is due to growing anxiety concerning the activities of lawless elements and a desire to checkmate the outlaws.—Our Own Correspondent.

to support the Government in any action it might take to maintain law and ensure the continuance of necessary services.—Reuter.

Canberra, later.

Mr. Bruce's motion for the support of the Government in what-ever action it might take, was carried by 33 to 16, against strong Labour opposition.—Reuter.

Serious Effects.

Melbourne, Dec. 1. Between 70 and 80 inter-State and overseas vessels are held up all over Australia, and 10,000 workers are idle now at Melbourne.—Reuter.

50,000 idle.

Sydney, Dec. 1. In consequence of the water-side dispute, 50,000 people will be idle to-morrow.

The mines are already closing down.—Reuter.

A SUGAR CARGO UNDER SUSPICION.

WOMAN GETS BENEFIT OF THE DOUBT.

At the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, the mistress of a cargo boat was charged before Mr. W. Schofield with having in her possession, on board her junk, 120 pounds of sugar reasonably suspected of having been stolen or unlawfully obtained.

Mr. Leo d'Almada appeared for the defendant, and said that he would shorten the proceedings by admitting the facts of the prosecution, and then make his own submissions.

He said that the defendant was arrested off the China Light and Power Company's premises at Hunghom. In her statement she said that she had received orders from two men to take the sugar to Hunghom.

Mr. d'Almada then quoted authorities pointing out that although the onus of proof was on the defence, it was for the prosecution to produce evidence to the contrary if the defendant said that she was given the sugar by someone, it was the duty of the prosecution to rebut such statement.

Mr. d'Almada submitted that the woman's explanation was reasonably true, and she was entitled to any doubt which might exist in his Worship's mind.

In reply to the Bench, Sergeant Morton, prosecuting, said that he could give no evidence contradicting Mr. d'Almada's statement. The defendant was accordingly discharged.

DRAWING SOCIETY EXAMINATION.

CENTRAL BRITISH SCHOOL SUCCESSES.

The results of the examination held by the Royal Drawing Society at the Central British School, Kowloon, are now to hand, and they are of a most satisfactory nature.

G. W. Arnold is awarded a prize for "Illustration," this being one of the four prizes awarded by the Society to Schools throughout the Empire. The Central British School is to be congratulated on this, and on the results generally. The results, summarised, are as follows:

Full Certificates:—Three.
Div. VI—Two Honours.
Div. V—Three Honours and one Pass.

Div. IV—Five Honours and six Passes.
Div. III—Eleven Honours and eleven Passes.

Div. II—Fourteen Honours and twelve Passes.
Div. I—Eleven Honours and twelve Passes.

The successes registered in the examination were as under: Overseas Prizes 1927.—Div. VI, G. W. Arnold (Illustration).

Completed Full Certificates.—G. W. Arnold, M. Whitley and R. Woolley.

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DEAD PIGS' FLESH IN USE.

UNWHOLESOME LARD-MAKING.

A Chinese, licensed hawkier appeared, on remand before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Police Court this morning charged with being in possession of unwholesome food and with using his premises at 95, Belcher Street, as a lard factory, the second summons being taken out at the instance of the Sanitary Board.

Inspector P. Grant prosecuted for the police, and Sanitary Inspector Stevens represented the Sanitary Board.

Inspector Stevens gave evidence that he was walking along Belcher Street on November 28, when he noticed blood oozing from a broken pipe which was attached to the side of a building. He went upstairs to investigate, and inside he discovered the entrails of about 16 pigs in the kitchen, a quantity of diseased meat on the verandah, tins of lard, and apparatus for the manufacture of lard. He found the defendant on the premises.

Dr. M. J. Reidy, Assistant Colonial Veterinary Surgeon, Sanitary Department, said he had visited the place and had discovered that the pigs had died the previous day, or night from various diseases. The flesh found on the verandah, from which lard was being made, was the flesh of pigs that had died from disease, and had not been killed.

The defendant said that the lard was to be used for painting ships, but witness said that he had never heard of lard being used for that purpose. It was ordinarily used for human consumption.

His Worship inflicted a fine of \$100 on each summons, making \$200 altogether, and made an order for the place to be closed for lard making purposes.

The military salute has celebrated its 125th birthday. The order which abolished hat-lifting (among soldiers was given to the military school by Friedrich Wilhelm III. in 1802, and decreed that a soldier on foot should lift his left hand horizontally to his eye on meeting a superior officer, while the soldier on horseback should salute with his right hand.

The soldier on entering a house was still expected to take off his hat; it was not until much later that the modern military salute developed.

JAPANESE FARMERS' RIOT.

SEQUAL TO LENGTHY LITIGATION.

LANDLORD'S HOUSE BURNED.

Osaka, Nov. 25. A serious riot involving five thousand tenant farmers is reported from a village near the city of Gifu, where long litigation between a landlord and his tenant-farmers ended in favour of the former, who yesterday proceeded to harvest the crop of 66 acres of rice-fields which the tenants had ploughed, sown and cultivated. Five thousand tenants gathered in the afternoon and protested against their landlord's action.

Shortly after midnight a fire broke out in the landlord's barn and spread to his residence, causing much excitement and ending in a riot. It was afterwards discovered that the fire was due to incendiaries.

The police have placed a cordon around the district to prevent communication between the rioters and the local headquarters of the Tenant Farmers' Union.

The opinion is general that the incident is merely a local outbreak and will not spread to other districts.

NOTICES TO MARINERS.

MARTIAL LAW AT SWATOW.

The following notices to mariners have been issued by the various authorities, relative to navigation in local waters:

The Chinese Maritime Customs under date November 29, Notice No. 3 of 1927, state that owing to martial law having been declared in this district, the Commander-in-Chief of the Eighth Route Army has notified that all vessels, foreign or Chinese, shall not be allowed to enter or leave the port of Swatow between the hours of 6 p.m. and 6 a.m.

Hongkong Approaches.

A local notice to mariners No. 64, issued on December 1, states that the fog bell on Lamang Mi has been removed, and will be replaced about the middle of February 1928.

"SNATCHING CHARGE."

DEFENDANT COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

A Chinese who was charged with snatching the sum of \$335 from a pig-dealer in Queen's Road West on November 29 was committed for trial by Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Police Court this morning. Inspector F. Grant prosecuted.

It appears that the complainant came from Kwong Chow Wan on a pig deal, and part of the money, \$335, he took out with him to change into silver.

When the man was walking in Queen's Road West, the defendant struck him in the mouth with his fist and, snatching the money, took to his heels. When the complainant recovered he gave chase, and the defendant was caught by a district watchman.

Mr. D. S. Wylie, travelling representative of the La Salle Extension University of Chicago, is at present in Hongkong. This university specialises in business training, and is said to be the largest institution of its kind in the world. An advertisement appears on Page 7.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

TO-DAY'S QUESTIONS.

The following general knowledge paper has been taken from the Daily Express.

Answers, for those who need them, will be found on Page 12 of this issue.

1. What is the name of the well worn by Moslem women in public?
2. Who wrote "Tom Jones"?
3. What is the longest canal in the world used by sea-going ships?
4. In the treatment of what disease is insulin used?
5. What is meant by Valhala?
6. Name the English king who was succeeded by a son and two daughters.
7. What city is sometimes known as "Auld Reekie"?
8. Give the next line after "Gather ye rosebuds while ye may."
9. What is Dame Nellie Melba's real name, and why did she adopt the name "Melba"?
10. Where is the Tyrol?
11. With what does the science of acoustics deal?
12. How often is a national census taken in this country?

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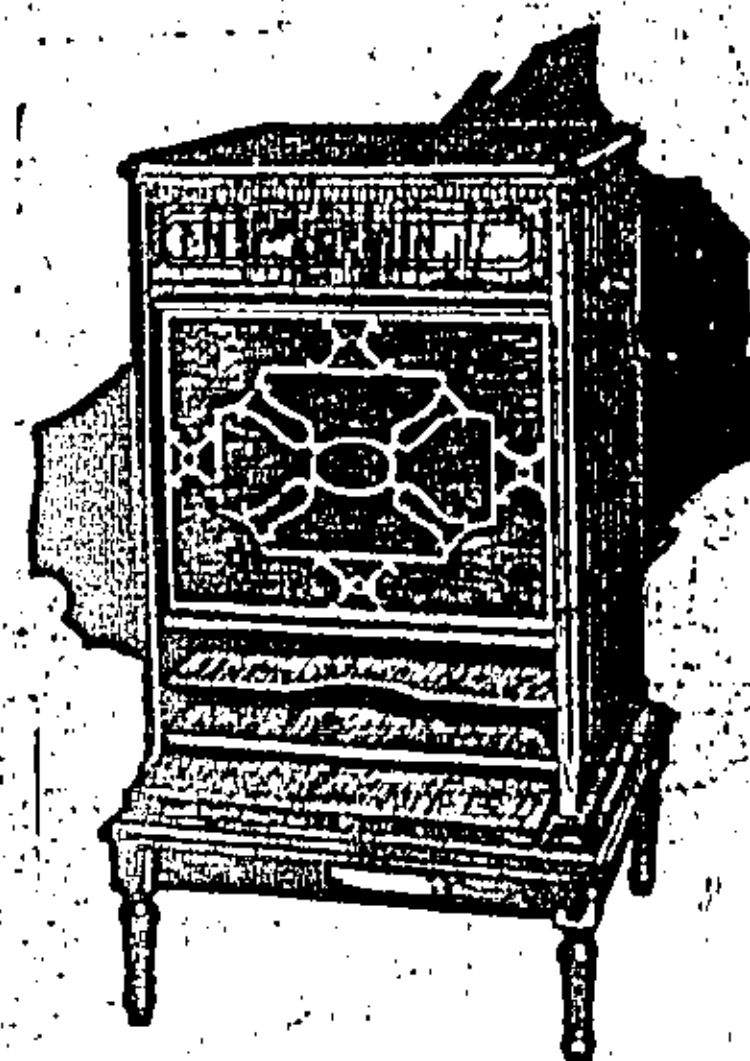
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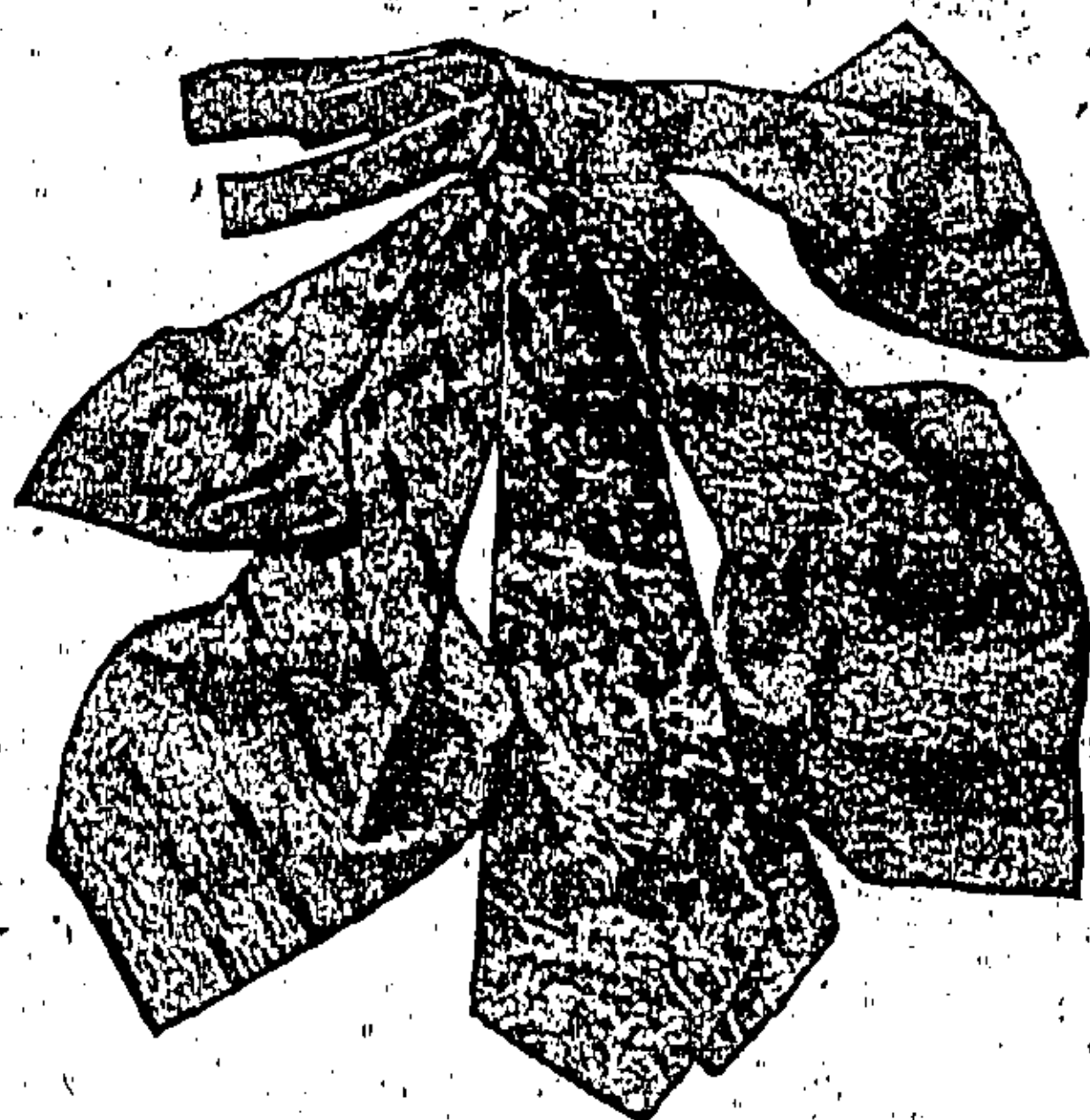
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CHINESE WILL

MARRIAGE DOWRY FOR TWO CHILDREN

Leung Wing-shang, who died in the village of Poon Tong, Pun U district, Kwong Tung on December 24, last year, left Hongkong estate to the value of \$8,200. Probate has been granted to his eldest son, Leung Shiu-lau, 71 Peel Street, second floor, clerk.

The will directs that all the Hongkong property be divided into three equal shares to be given to his three children, the division to take place five years after his death. He directs that immediately after his death the sum of \$1,000 in Canton currency be paid out for the marriage expenses of his third son, Shiu Tsz, and also \$3,000 in Canton currency as a dowry for his daughter, Sau Shan.

Also \$2,000 shall be used for the maintenance of his concubine, and in case of her death the money shall be devoted to her funeral expenses. The will adds "my sons shall, however, pay for her maintenance as usual, and shall not be allowed to shift the burden from one to another."

After making other provisions the will states "as to the movable and immovable property in the village, the same shall, apart from those houses which have been reserved for the accommodation of my various sons, be left in contact, and shall not be sold. All profits therefrom shall be transferred to the Ancestor-Worship fund, to be managed by turn from year to year."

M.C.C. TOUR IN SOUTH AFRICA

FIRST MATCH DRAWN

Capetown.—Overnight and this morning rain fell.

The wicket was moderately slow when play started at 3 o'clock.

Only an hour's play was possible. Western Province scored 67 for the loss of 6 wickets.

Freeman took 5 wickets for 15 runs.

The match was drawn.

Mr. R. K. Butler, assistant general manager of the Hongkong Amusement, met with a painful accident yesterday afternoon on the Repulse Bay road near the junction of the road to Slick O'Hills many friends will be pleased to learn that he fortunately escaped serious injury, although he is now confined to bed with several extensive abrasions. The accident was caused by the skidding of his motorcycle.

BRITISH GOLFERS IN SOUTH AFRICA.

SUCCESSES IN FOURSOMES.

London, Nov. 16.
Cape Town.—The British team played the first match of their South African tour against the Nowbrey Club.

In the foursomes Cyril Tolley and R. H. de Montmorency beat Solomon and L. Jones, 2 and 1.

C. O. Hazlet and Pearson beat Beattie and Smale, 4 and 2.

In the singles Solomon beat Tolley, 2 and 1.

Jones beat Pearson, 4 and 3.

Beattie and Hazlet finished all-square.

De Montmorency beat Smale, 3 and 2.

TREBITSCH—LINCOLN.

London, Nov. 15.
The Westminster Gazette's Peking correspondent states that Trebitsch Lincoln has vanished from Peking.

It is believed that he has gone to a conference of Asiatic Socialists in Shanghai, in order to meet Raja Mahendra Pratap.

Trebitsch Lincoln was reputed to have paid a visit to Ceylon last year. It was stated that Dr. Leo Tandler, who was staying at a small Buddhist Monastery near Colombo, was really Trebitsch Lincoln. He came to Ceylon from Manila with the approval of the local police, who had previously been in communication on the subject with the British Consul at Manila. Tandler's original intention had been to proceed to the South Indian Headquarters of the Theosophical Society, but when he reached Colombo he abandoned the idea, intimating that he did so because he was out of sympathy with the recent trend of Theosophical thought. He obtained the permission of the Colombo Police to take up his residence in a small Buddhist Monastery five miles from Colombo. He left Ceylon on February 5th by the s.s. "Coblentz," taking a ticket for Genoa. In conversation with a reporter, he said that he had been a Political Adviser to the Chinese Government, but had given up this lucrative post in order to study Buddhism, which he loved. Shortly before his departure, he intimated his intention of returning to Ceylon to continue his studies.

THE WORLD OF SPORT



LOCAL SOCCER.

HEAVY SUSPENSIONS RECENTLY.

TO-MORROW'S FIXTURES.

[By "Wanderer."]

The salutary sentences recently passed by the Council of the Hongkong Football Association on players reported for misconduct on the field of play will be viewed with the utmost satisfaction by all who have the good of the game at heart, and the councillors may feel assured that drastic dealing with further cases of men ordered off, will have the full support of the clubs, the majority at least of which favour exemplary sentences until the many unpleasant incidents occurring all-too-frequently of late receive a distinct check.

The action of the H.K.F.A. marks a distinct step forward in two ways, not the least important of which is the publication of the offenders and the sentence imposed. For some years publicity has not been given to the names of offenders, but there is no questioning the value of this additional punishment as a deterrent, and that is naturally the only aim of the authorities. The method of punishment, too, enhances the satisfaction. In the past, the powers-that-be have thought it sufficient in many cases to impose a fine, and though, of course, in special cases this may meet the case, it is liable to be accepted as a precedent for the majority. The Council of the H.K.F.A. is to be complimented on its vigorous action in the light of recent happenings, and it is to be hoped that the desired effect will be achieved.

Turning to the Hongkong Football League programme for to-morrow, there appears to be a wide choice for those fans who have no particular fancy towards one club's fortunes. No match of outstanding importance is down for decision, but there is a measure of interest about all the Senior League matches.

This week sees the second half of the season begun insofar as the Junior Division "A" is concerned, but unfortunately though it may seem from the point of view of a sporting finish, the ultimate end appears in sight even now.

To-morrow's Fixtures.

The fixture list, together with grounds, times of kick-off and referees appointed, is as follows:

Senior Division.

Recreio v. K.O.S.B.—Recreio, 4 p.m.—Mr. Smith.
Club v. Police.—Club, 4 p.m.—Mr. Hyson.
R.A. v. Queen's.—Sookunpoo, 4 p.m.—Mr. Baldwin.
Scots Guards v. R.A.F.—U.S.R.C., 4 p.m.—Capt. Austin.

Junior Division.

St. Joseph's v. R.A.—Sookunpoo, 2.30.—Mr. Landsdale.
Kowloon v. K.O.S.B.—Kowloon, 2.30.—Mr. Gilmore.
S. China "A" v. Recreio.—Recreio, 2.30.—Mr. Stokes.
Chinese Ath. v. Club.—Club, 2.30.—Mr. Presley.
University v. S. China "B"—St. Joseph's, 2.30.—Mr. Mackie.

Junior Division "B."

S. China "A" v. S. China "B"—U.S.R.C., 2.30.—Mr. Samy.
Moslems v. St. Joseph's.—St. Joseph's, 4 p.m.—Mr. Browne.
Boy Scouts v. Kowloon.—S. China, 2.30.—Mr. Cowan.
Chinese Ath. v. Kung Mo.—S. China, 4 p.m.—Mr. Lam.

First Half of the Season.

Although a match here and there has been postponed, chronologically the first half of the season will be completed by to-morrow's matches in the Senior Division, and the Chinese Athletic are to be congratulated on having resisted every challenge up to date. Their success has been due in the main to a very sound defence, in which Ng Kam-chuen and Lai Yuk-tat have been outstanding, though a nipply forward line has had to snap up the goal-scoring opportunities to ensure victory.

I think most forward lines with any pep at all must have been scoring goals with the Chinese Athletic defence behind them, and unless the team goes stale there appears to be little to prevent them continuing their rapid progress towards championship honours. To-morrow they were to

RADIO CHESS ENDS.

HONGKONG-MANILA MATCH ABANDONED.

AN ERROR ARGUED.

An error in the transmission of a move at a critical stage, resulted in the radio match between Mr. C. M. Sequeria (Colony's Champion) and Mr. Adolpho Gutierrez, of Manila, being abandoned after nearly nine hours' play, when the Hongkong representative appeared to be in a winning position.

The match was started at 8.20 p.m., Manila making the first move. The game throughout was brilliantly played by both contestants, Gutierrez launching a severe attack after a most orthodox opening. The local player though hard pressed played a sterling game, and at the time the match was called off had a queen and pawn against a rook and two pawns.

The match had reached Hongkong's 64th move when an error in transmission led to a wrong move being played on the Manila board, and after nearly half an hour of "argument" the game was abandoned, Gutierrez practically accusing Hongkong of attempting to retract a faulty move.

F. A. CUP REPLAYS.

NORWICH AND ROTHERHAM GET THROUGH.

London, Dec. 1.
The two remaining replays in the first round of the F. A. Cup Competition were played to-day, resulting as follows:

Norwich 5 Poole 0
Rotherham 4 Spennymoor 2

[In the Second Round to be played on December 10th, Norwich City meets Luton at Luton, and Rotherham are drawn away to Bradford City.]

have met the Kowloon team at Kowloon but Sims has gone into hospital and other players being unable to turn out the match has been postponed.

Recreio's Task.

The Club de Recreio gave away conclusively for the first time last week the fact that they are not the side they were a year ago. To-morrow they entertain the K.O.S.B. and judging by recent form, should do sufficiently well to return to favour with their supporters. Neither side is particularly effective in the vicinity of goal, but the Recreio should just about gain the day.

Out for Points.

Both the Police and the Club look forward keenly to their annual clashes and there will be no lack of interest in the match on the Club ground to-morrow. The Club are down among the "rabble" and the Police have done very little better, but a keen game fought out in a good sporting spirit may safely be guaranteed. A division of the spoils appears probable.

Military Clashes.

The match between the Queen's and the R.A. to be played at Sookunpoo is the match postponed from Wednesday, October 12th. The Queen's have been displaying capital form of late and should win.

The other military meeting has been brought forward from Wednesday next, both teams happening to be disengaged. When the clubs met previously a drawn game, goalless resulted, and the R.A.F. have improved considerably since. However, the Guards are just settling down to team work and should win.

More Suspensions.

At a meeting of the Council of the Hongkong Football Association held last night, Spalding, of the K.O.S.B., was suspended for three months for striking a player in the course of the match against the Chinese Athletic. Toal and Mak have already been suspended for other incidents arising from the same match.

Arlett, of the R.A.F., was suspended for one week for kicking an opponent.

Next Interport Trial.

The inclusion at left-back of Howard will be the only change in the Interport practice team for the next game on December 14th.

OUR FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

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The competition is in accordance with the rules published in the Telegraph during the weeks August 29—September 24.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" FORECAST COMPETITION.

Matches to be played on December 3rd:

DIVISION I.

Cardiff v. Aston Villa.
Huddersfield v. Arsenal.
Wednesday v. West Ham.

DIVISION II.

Bristol City v. Manchester C.
Notts County v. Swansea.

DIVISION III. (NORTH).

Brentford v. Plymouth.
Brighton v. Charlton.

DIVISION III. (SOUTH).

Chesterfield v. Hartlepool.
Durham v. New Brighton.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Aberdeen v. Airdrie.
Celtic v. Motherwell.
Cowdenbath v. St. Johnstone.

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Brentford	v. Plymouth
Brighton	v. Charlton
Chesterfield	v. Hartlepool
Durham	v. New Brighton
Aberdeen	v. Airdrie
Celtic	v. Motherwell
Cowdenbath	v. St. Johnstone

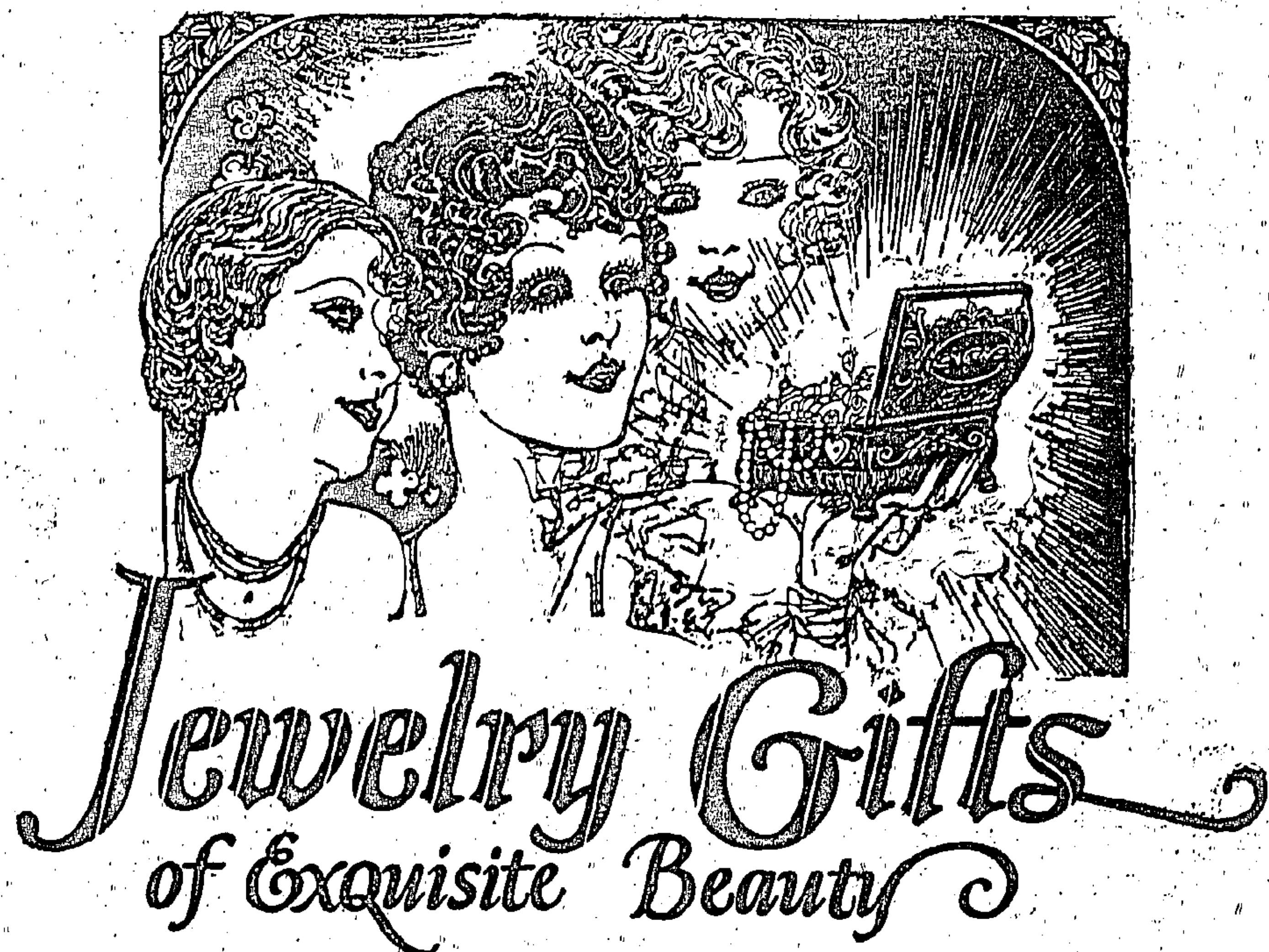
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\$250,000 VOTED BY FINANCE
COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council held yesterday afternoon, presided over by the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, Colonial Secretary, supplementary expenditure amounting to \$259,144 was voted.

In regard to a vote for \$253,500 for the New Government Civil Hospital, Compensation for Resumption, the Hon. Mr. Shenton said he thought the papers might be circulated to the members of the Finance Committee. It was a very big sum of money, and at least three of the members, including himself, knew nothing about it. He suggested that the item be adjourned until the next meeting so that in the meantime members could have an opportunity of seeing the papers.

The Chairman said there was no objection to members seeing the papers, but he wanted them to understand that a previous vote of the Finance Committee had definitely committed them to the expenditure of this sum. The matter had been before the Finance Committee before, and had been approved. The Government was definitely committed and had to pay. They had completed the arrangement.

The Hon. Mr. Shenton said that in the case of large items he felt the Finance Committee should have something more tangible before them than that a previous Finance Committee had authorised the amount.

Diocesan Property.
The Chairman replied that it was a little unfortunate that the members were not the same now as when the vote was approved. The Government was a continuing body, and they had to act in that way. Proceeding to offer an explanation, the Chairman said that when the Diocesan Boys' School were making plans for the transfer of the school to Yau-mat, arrangements for the private sale of the old premises were being regulated. The necessity for rebuilding the Government Civil Hospital arose, and it was clear the use of the Diocesan Boys' School ground was necessary for the satisfactory development of the scheme if the new buildings of the Hospital were to be erected in close proximity to the old ones. The negotiations for the private sale of the Diocesan Boys' School property hung fire and ultimately collapsed, and as it was necessary for the Government to secure control of the area for the new Hospital, they did so. The Finance Committee had been fully consulted from the beginning, the figure had been accepted and the Government was definitely committed. He asked the Committee to approve the vote and any further information required would be given.

Hon. Mr. Shenton said he was quite satisfied with the explanation.
Purchase of a Launch.
The Chairman explained that there was a vote for next year in the estimates for the Imports and Exports Department for \$7,000 for the purchase of a launch. An opportunity had now arisen of

STROLLING PLAYERS.

SEQUEL TO THEIR VISIT
TO HONGKONG.

A dispute arising out of the question of the provision of board and lodgings for the Oriental Strolling Players who gave performances at Lee Theatre in September was settled in the Summary Court yesterday afternoon, before Mr. Justice Wood, when judgment was given for the defendant, Mr. Lee Hysan.

The plaintiff was Mrs. X.S.H. Bibla, residing at Room No. 5, Nathan House, Nathan Road, Kowloon, and she sued Mr. Lee Hysan, the proprietor of Lee Theatre and Lee Garden. The plaintiff claimed that by a letter dated August 11, this year, the defendant employed her as his agent to engage five artists from Shanghai to perform at Lee Theatre. The plaintiff accordingly engaged the artists on five agreements in writing, Clause 6 stating that the defendant was to provide board and lodgings. The plaintiff, as agent, paid or rendered herself liable to pay the sum of \$770.18, which the defendant refused to do.

Mr. J. M. D'Almada Remedios was for the plaintiff and Mr. G. S. Hugh Jones defended.

The plaintiff alleged that she had to provide for the artists because when they arrived in Hongkong no one met them, and as far as she knew no arrangements had been made. The defence argued that the plaintiff's agency finished as soon as she arrived in Hongkong, and that she exceeded her authority in providing for them as other provision had been made. Mr. Hugh Jones submitted that he had no case to answer. It was, he contended, quite clear from the evidence of the plaintiff herself, that she had no authority to pay for the liability which was incurred, if in fact she did pay for it, which she had not proved.

His Lordship remarked that he agreed with Mr. Hugh Jones.

Other Arrangements Made.

Mr. Hugh Jones, continuing, said that arrangements were made, not with the plaintiff, but with her husband, Mr. Astroff. That accounted for the fact that when the plaintiff arrived in Hongkong with the artists she received letters from Mr. Astroff. Mr. Astroff was engaged in the theatre for this particular company and received a salary of \$150 a night, out of which he was expected to provide board and lodgings for the artists. He believed the idea was that Mr. Astroff was sponsoring the artists and was going to take them to Manila.

In giving judgment, his Lordship remarked that the plaintiff had failed to establish her claim and held that she had no authority from Mr. Lee Hysan to incur the expenses and liabilities. He would give judgment for the defendant with costs.

Mr. Hugh Jones: The defendant waives his right of costs.

JUNK PIRACY.

CARGO OF PIGS STOLEN
AT SEA.

Eight armed pirates who boarded and ransacked a cargo junk bound for Hongkong in Chinese waters on Wednesday, got away with booty to the value of \$1,000, according to a report made to the police yesterday.

The master in his report states that the junk, which is unnumbered and unlicensed, is of about 110 piculs capacity and was chartered by the Woo Hong firm of pig dealers, at San Mi, to bring a cargo of 31 pigs to Hongkong.

Together with his crew of seven, and three men to whom the cargo belonged, the master set sail from San Mi at about nine o'clock on Tuesday evening.

At about eight o'clock on the following morning, when off a place called Sai Chung in Chinese waters, a fishing boat, containing eight men, all of whom were armed with rifles, approached. When about 50 yards away they fired two shots, the bullets passing over the junk. The master and the crew went into the hold and five of the pirates boarded the junk when their fishing boat had been brought alongside.

The pirates covered the hold with boards and remained in charge for about eight hours, during which time they sailed it to a place unknown to the master, where they discharged the cargo. Afterwards the junk was sailed out to sea.

When the crew eventually got on deck they found that the pirates had gone. The stolen stuff included 20 tins of nut oil, 31 pigs, 21 baskets of fresh eggs, 15 catties of salt fish, and \$300 in Hongkong bank notes, the total value being \$1,000.

The junk arrived at Shauiwan early on Thursday morning.

Johannesburg, Dec. 1.

Two natives arrested in connection with the murder of Irene, daughter of F. E. Kanthack, have been released. A third is in custody.

The eighteen-year old daughter of Mr. F. E. Kanthack, C.M.G., well-known engineer and formerly South African Director of Irrigation, was found murdered on November 27.

purchasing an entirely satisfactory launch for \$4,750. That would mean a considerable saving, and it was proposed to purchase.

Replying to the Hon. Mr. D.G.M. Bernard, the Chairman said the launch had been inspected by the Government Marine Surveyor, who had reported satisfactorily and considered it well worth the price. The Committee approved.



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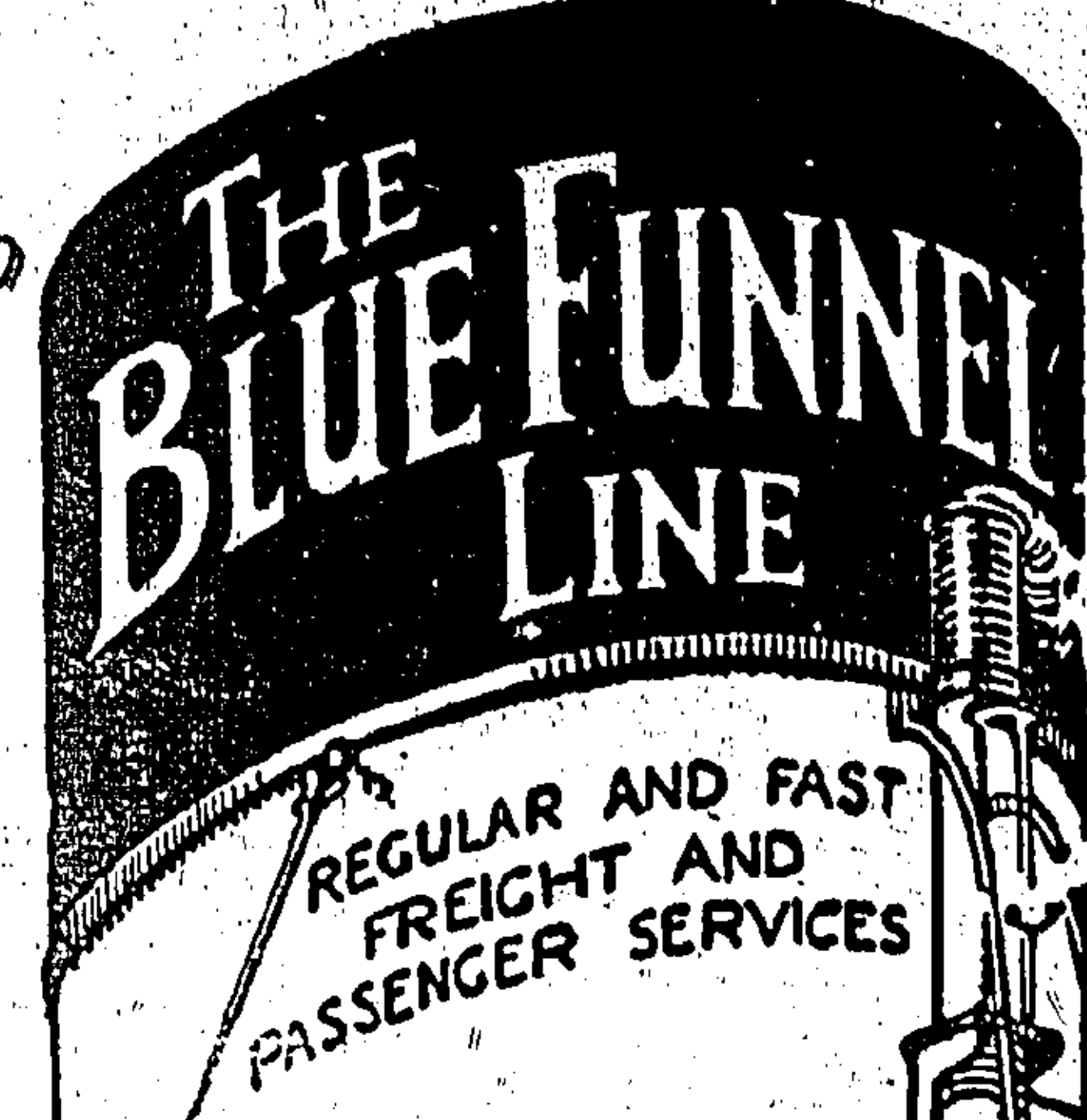
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THE MORPHIA CASE.

(Continued from Page 2.)

Regarding the telegram from

"George" witness said that he did

not know what code was used,

neither could he remember the

number or the date of the cable.

In further cross-examination,

Haynes said that the \$300 handed

by Au Yeung to Christie was on

account of expenses in connexion

with Blum's trip to Shanghai and

back, but it was understood all

along that this amount was to be

deducted from the prices of the

goods.

Arising from Haynes' previous

statement that he was not told by

Christie of the gold mine of Siam

Mr. King put a corroborative ques-

tion to witness, and got the reply

that Haynes has never had access

at any time to Christie's documents.

Mr. H. A. Taylor, Assistant

Superintendent of Imports and

Exports, and Government Mono-

poly Analyst, gave formal evidence

that neither of the accused had per-

mits to deal in drugs. He then said

that amongst the different brands

of morphia, the Hoffmann La

Roche, of Swiss origin, and the

Merck, of German make, were two

well-known brands. Morphia

changed hands at this part of the

world at \$300 per lb. or over \$500

per kilogram.

Typist Gives Evidence.

Miss Anne Cordeiro, the Portu-

guese girl typist employed by

Christie, said that she had been

working in the office in the first

floor of No. 480 Nathan Road only

two days previous to the police

visit. On that day she was told by

Christie to go home when Haynes

and the Chinese arrived, and re-

turned at her usual hour in the

afternoon to find that the police

had been there.

A son of the landlady of the

house in evidence stated that he

was promised a cheque by Christie

for the rent, but when he called

again the following day, Christie

had not given it.

Chief Detective Inspector Rey-

nolds, who was one of the police

party which arrived at the house

to take the two accused into cus-

tody, said that there was also a

warrant for the arrest of a third

man, which was not executed.

Since then they had been looking

for a man named Karim Din.

The officers produced certain doc-

uments seized during the visit.

One of these was a letter with

an address at Shanghai and the

name "Hoffmann" on the back.

Blum had two passports, one of

these being a Cantonese passport.

Neither document had a Hongkong

visa.

From a deed box found on the

desk, a sheaf of papers was also

produced. His Worship, after an

examination, remarked that it

looked like an agreement relating

to a mining estate in Siam.

Regarding Christie's long con-

nexion with this Colony, Mr. King

also produced a hotel license which

revealed that Christie was a hotel

keeper in this Colony as far back

as 1903.

This closed the case for the

prosecution.

Defence's Witness.

Mr. Gordon Leask said he would

have a witness called whose name

occurred in an earlier part of the

case. This was Khan Sahib.

Mr. King said he too would have

liked to call Khan Sahib. There

were many Khan Sahibs in the

Colony but he thought they were

fairly agreed on the Khan Sahib

in question as being no other than

the proprietor of a Cafe very

near Christie's office.

His Worship: The Bombay

Cafe?

Mr. King: Yes. But unfor-

tunately he is away from the Col-

ony, having left for Canton on

business on Monday before I could

get him to come up.

Mr. Leask said that the evidence

of this Khan Sahib Malik Khan

was desirable from the point of

view of the defence, as it would

show the innocuous nature of the

goods both accused were dealing

in.

It was also decided on Mr. Gor-

don Leask's suggestion to sub-

poena the Northern Telegraph

Company for the copies of cables

figuring in the business of two ac-

cused.

Mr. King said that he personally

thought that the cables would not

carry them very far as they were

in code. In his turn, Mr. King ap-

plied for permission to put in fur-

ther seized documents as might

be necessitated by the production

of the cables.

The further hearing was ad-

judged until this afternoon.

London, Dec. 1.

The extent of the damage caused

by rough seas to Sir Alan Cobham's

scaplane after alighting at the base

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PERCY FRANKLIN, at 1 and 3, Wyndham Street, in the City of
Victoria, Hongkong.CUPID ON PRESIDENT
BOAT.AN EPIDEMIC OF
WEDDINGS.Cupid stalked aboard the liner
President Lincoln of the American
Mail Line yesterday and during
the last trip of the vessel to the
United States, says the Shanghai
Times of Saturday last. The young
man with the deadly arrows played
havoc with the officers on board
the vessel and as a result young
brides are now awaiting them in
the Land of the Free.To begin with Mr. C. F. Scanlon,
Second Wireless Officer of the Lin-
coln was married to a pretty
Shanghai girl. When the vessel
arrives in the United States on her
present trip Mr. Charles Parker,
Chief Wireless Officer, will be
married to Miss Vivien Hennings-
sen, of Seattle. The young lady
will journey to San Francisco to
meet her intended husband.On the last visit of the President
Lincoln to America the Comman-
der of the ship, Capt. H. L. Jones,
was approached by the Fourth
Officer, Mr. William Huckaby."Sir, I want to get a few days
off," Mr. Huckaby stated."For what reason?" queried the
Captain."Well, sir, I want to get
married.""God bless you, my boy, go to
it," said the Skipper.Ten minutes later the Second
Officer appeared on the bridge.

For Better or Worse.

"Sir, I would like to have a few
days off," he stated.

"What for?"

"Well, sir, I want to get
married."Capt. Jones gave him the per-
mission, blessed him and sent him
on his way with a smile.The Captain retired to his quar-
ters. Came a timid rap at the
door. The storekeeper, same being
Mr. L. W. Reese, entered.

"What is it?" asked the Master.

"Sir, I would like to get a few—"

"I know, I know; you want to
get married," the Captain inter-
rupted. The Captain was right.With a smile of contentment the
Skipper settled himself for a quiet
sleep. Fate, however, ordained
otherwise. Another rap at the
door.The Captain muttered to him-
self. Aloud he said "Who's
there?""It's the Purser sir, (W. C.
Newberry) and I would like—""All right, what's her name?"
shouted the Captain."Florence Murray, sir, and she's
the sweetest—""God bless you both, by boy,"
said the Captain.

Captain is Aroused.

Thoroughly aroused by now
Capt. Jones dressed and went on
deck. He learned within a short
time that the ship's surgeon, Dr.
Paul Dingman, was also to be mar-
ried, his bride being a wealthy
New York passenger on board;
that Miss Lorina Evans, the ship
manicure, was expecting her in-
tended husband at any moment,
and that the Freight Clerk, Mr.
B. O. Higdon, had just left the
ship to buy a marriage licence with
which to wed Miss Dorothy Bills,
Freese society girl.Captain Jones charged into the
Purser's office. He espied Mr.
Charles Cohn, assistant Freight
Clerk and the "Yiddisher Cowboy
of the Pacific," hard at work."I suppose you're going to be
married also?" the Skipper de-
manded.Mr. Cohn, who is the youngest
assistant Freight Clerk in trans-
Pacific service, blushed and re-
plied."Well sir, I had intended to get
married this trip but I have
changed my mind."

"Why?"

Mr. Cohn was reluctant to an-
swer but finally admitted that the
girl had married another man.

"Who'll Have Us?"

The Captain snorted and charg-
ed into the barber shop where he
engaged the barber, Mr. Reid
Miller, in conversation.Mr. Miller, it seemed, was in
low spirits. He was asked as to
the reason."Well Captain," he explained,
"when we were here last trip I
said to my girl, 'Dear, let's get
married.' What do you think she
said?"The Captain didn't know—and
said so."She said 'All right, who'll have
us?' Whatcha going to do with
a girl like that?"The Lincoln, bridegrooms and
all, sailed from Shanghai at 8
a.m. to-day with passengers, cargo
and mail for the United States.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

The following are the replies to
to-day's questions:—

1. Yachmak. 2. Henry Filding (1707-1754).

3. Boes Canal 104 1/2 miles, connecting the
Mediterranean with the Red Sea. 4. Diabetes.5. In Scandinavian mythology, the immortal
home of heroes slain in battle. 6. Henry
VIII. 7. Edinburgh. 8. "Old Time" is still a
thing. 9. Helen Porter Mitchell she adapts
the name of her birthplace, Malabar.10. In Western Australia and Northern Italy.
11. Sound waves. 12. Once every ten years.A.P.C. RESISTS AMOY
TAX.

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enumerated by Lord Onslow in
the House of Lords, as follows:In the army, 7 had died and 33
had been injured owing to acci-
dents or disease, and 2 had died
and 13 had been injured owing to
wounds.In the Air Force, 4 had died and
3 had been injured due to acci-
dents.In the navy there had been no
casualties in action.—Reuter.

SHANGHAI CONFERENCE.

Many Delegates Absent.

Shanghai, Dec. 2.

As many of the Kuomintang C.
E. C. members have not yet
arrived here, it is doubtful
whether the preliminary meeting
of the 4th plenary session of the
Kuomintang can be held on the
8th instant. In an interview, Mr.
Wu Tse-fai (a Rightist) said the
opening of the session is wholly
dependent upon the willingness of
the different factions of the Kuomintang.Even if it is really
held, there will be no good result
if the leaders do not endeavour to
effect reunion. In conclusion, Mr.
Wu insists on the proposal to hold
the session at Nanking instead of
Shanghai.

The Canton Coup.

Later.

Mr. Wu Tse-fai, in a further
statement, declared that he will
resign from the C. E. C. as soon
as the 4th plenary session is con-
cluded. In regard to the recent
coup at Canton, he blames the
Communists. He says the coup
was well planned by Communist
agitators with the object of creat-
ing troubles in order to shake the
foundation of the Kuomintang.
Nam Chung Po.

SOUTHERN DEFEAT?

City Recaptured.

Peking, Dec. 1.

General Chang Tsung-chang
claims that his forces, proceeding
to the assistance of the troops
of Marshal Sun Chuan-fang, on the
Grand Canal, have defeated the
Southerners, recapturing Tsing-
kingpu, the Southerners retreat-
ing to Paoying.—Reuter.

CHIANG'S WEDDING.

Yesterday's Ceremonies.

Shanghai, Nov. 1.

Chiang Kai-shek and Miss Soong
Mei-ling were married this after-
noon at a Christian English Epis-
copal service being performed at
the bride's home by Dr. David Yui,
General Secretary of the National
Committee, Y.M.C.A. The second
ceremony—Chinese civil—took
place at the Majestic Hotel and was
conducted by Tsai Yuan-pel, the
Minister of Education of the Nan-
king Government.The home ceremony was attend-
ed by only the family's most in-
timate friends, while a thousand
Chinese and two hundred foreign-
ers, including General Duncan,
Admiral Bristol, the wives and
staffs of the consular officials and
other prominent persons, were also
present.The bride wore a foreign white
satin wedding gown laden with
jewels. Chiang wore a morning
coat. Both ceremonies took place
under the glare of the most bril-
liant motion picture lights pre-
sented a striking spectacle while
the Chinese and foreign move-
ment cranked their cameras.The principals will not go on a
honeymoon as Chiang has to at-
tend the forthcoming Kuomintang
Conference.—Reuter.I think every girl in town is
just as pretty as she can be.H.E. Sir Hugh Clifford appeals
to Malays in the F.M.S. in his an-
nual address to Council, not to
encourage the eating of polished
rice owing to its serious disposi-
tion to cause beri-beri.TEN YEARS OF SOVIET
RULE.EMPTY PROMISES TO
WORKERS.The celebration of the tenth
anniversary of the Bolshevik re-
volution really began last month
with the opening of the Tsik, or
"Red" Parliament, at Leningrad.
The ceremony was attended by all
the chiefs of the Soviet Adminis-
tration and Danish and Latvian
diplomatic representatives from
Moscow. The principal item was
the reading of a long manifesto
by the Tsik to the workmen and
peasants of the U.S.S.R., and to
all toilers in other countries.
This "historic manifesto," as it
is called, outlined the achievements
of the ten years' regime, and
then declared a seven-hour work-
ing day in Soviet factories instead
of eight, and the abolition of the
death penalty.Both these are subject to re-
servations. The introduction of
the seven-hour day is to be gradual
and will begin in the autumn of
1928. The Soviet Press warns
workmen not to expect its sudden
introduction, as it depends on the
rate of technical improvement in
the factories and the output of
the workers, which cannot be al-
lowed to fall below that of the
present eight-hour day. As re-
gards the death penalty, this shall,
as a measure of social defence,
remain in force for political and
military offences, as well as for
acts of banditry, and for anti-
Soviet activity generally. The
situation is therefore unaltered,
as the Soviet system of "justice"
is elastic enough to make an of-
fence political before the death
sentence is pronounced.The manifesto also proclaims as
a boon the intention of the Govern-
ment to exempt the poorest peas-
antry from taxation and gradu-
ally to introduce a system of old-
age pensions for the poor. All
these privileges figured prominently
in the Bolshevik manifestos of
1917 and 1918, but have remained
for ten years merely on paper.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local
share quotations issued to-day:Hongkong Bank, \$113 1/2 s.
Chartered Bank, \$20 1/2 b.
Mercantile & B., \$30 1/2 n.
P. and O. \$10 n.
East Asia, \$52 n.Marine Ins.
Canton Ins., \$546 b.

Union Ins., \$293 1/2 s.

North China Ins., Tls. 143 n.

Yangtze Ins., \$46 1/2 b.

China Underwriters, \$120 s.

China Fire, \$215 n.

H. K. Fire Ins., \$600 b.

Shipping.

Douglases, \$36 b.

H. K. Steamboats, \$20 s.

H.K. Tugs, \$170 s.

Indo-China, (Pref.) \$30 n.

Shell Trans., \$90/- n.

Union Waterboats, \$17 n.

Mining.

Benguets, \$24 n.

Kailans, \$31/- n.

Langkats, Tls. \$18 1/2 b.

Shai Exploration, Tls. 2.90 s.

Raubs, \$37 b.

Tronohs, 19/3 n.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$121 b.

Whampoa Docks, \$35 s.

China Providents \$4 n.

Hongkews, Tls. 157 b.

New Engineerings, Tls. 5 s.

Shanghai Docks, Tls. 95 n.

Cottons.

Ewo Cottons, Tls. 7.35 n.

Orientals, Tls. 2 n.

Shai Cottons, Tls. 48 b.

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$6.60 b.

H. K. Lands, \$53 s.

Shai Lands T. 124 b.

Humphreys, \$13.10 b.

Realtys, \$7.40 n.

Territorials, \$14 s.

Public Utilities.

Tramways, \$204 b.

Peak Trams, (old) \$14 s.

Star Ferries, \$56 b.

China Lights, (omb.) \$12 s.

H'kong Electric, \$56 s.

Macao Electric, \$44 b.

Telephones, \$3.90 b.

China Buses, Tls. 4. sa.

Singapore Traction, 12/9 n.

Industrials.

China Sugars, \$13 n.

Malabons, \$30 s.

Canton Ice, \$5 n.

Cements (Comb.) \$7 s.

Ropes (Old) \$10 n.

United Asbestos \$12 s.

Stores &c.

Dairy Farms, \$15.10 n.

Watsons, \$17 1/2 n.

Der A. Wing, \$6 n.

Lane Crawfords, \$5 s.

Mackintosh, \$22 s.

Sinceres, \$31 n.

Wm. Powells, \$5 s.

Miscellaneous.

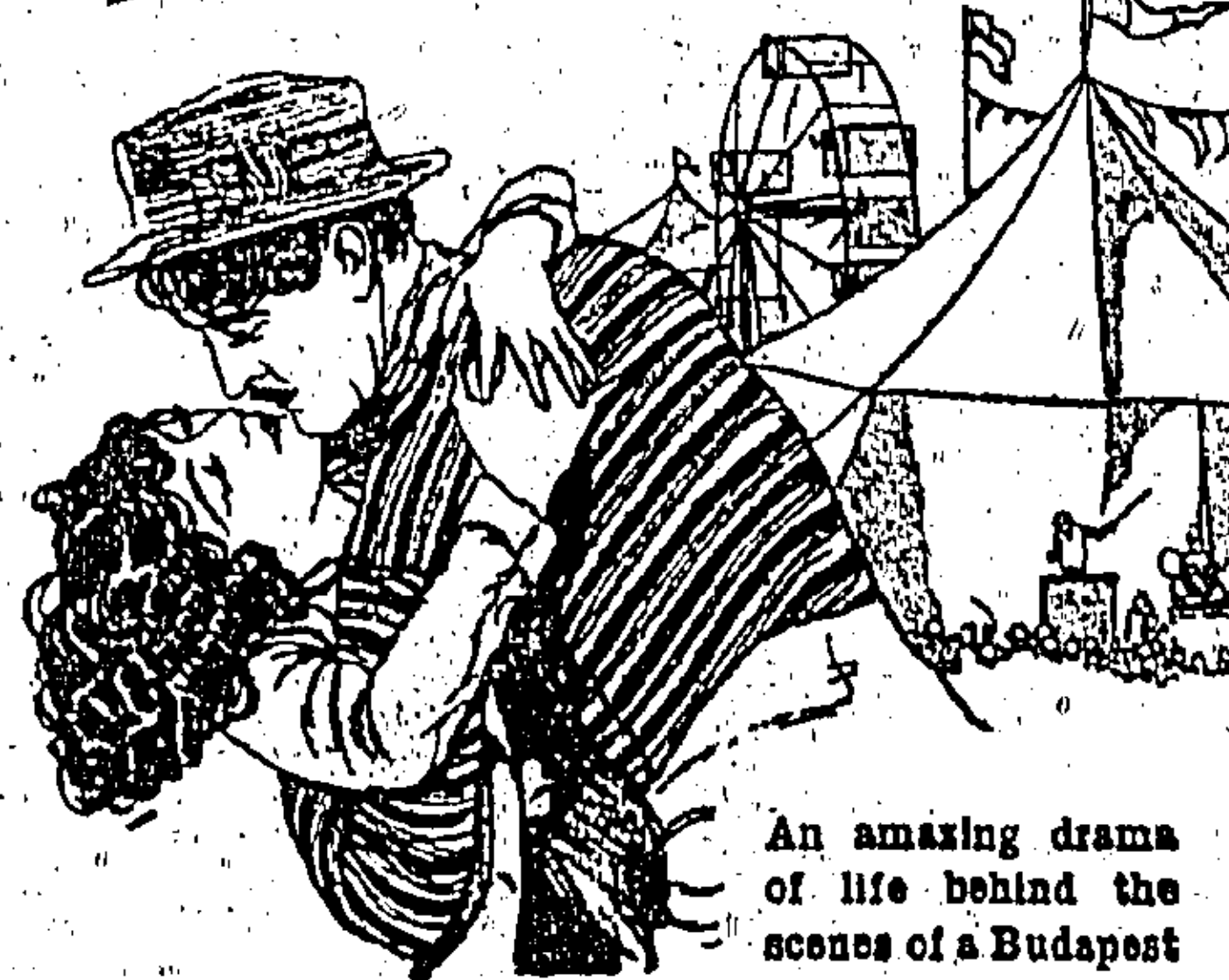
Amusements, \$19 1/2 s.

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